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BANDIT ROMANCE.

A CHINESE PORTIA MARRIES.

SEQUEL TO CAPTURE.

Youngest of Four Sisters Who Kept Their Word.

HAPPY ENDING TO A 300 YEARS OLD FEUD.

Having lasted three hundred years, a feud between two branches of a Wong clan living not far from Canton has been happily ended by a Portia's marriage—by her own choice—to a young military officer who was formerly a member of a band of outlaws.

Four years ago, when she was only sixteen, this girl's powers of oratory were praised in the "China Mail." She and her three elder sisters were bound for home when they fell into the hands of bandits as the result of a plot engineered by one of the enemy family. After an all-night remonstrance with the robber chieftains, she and her sisters were escorted to safety. To show their gratitude, they remitted money to the bandits.

Subsequently, the outlaws were taken into the Nationalist Army. One of their number found the lady he had befriended and has just married her. During the courtship, he brought about the reconciliation of the whole clan.

MILITARY OFFICER HERO.

In the metropolitan district of Pun U is a village of about 1,500 people close to the naval port of Whampoa and about an hour by steam from Canton.

Three centuries ago, half the Wongs quarrelled with the other half over the grazing of cattle and padi-field irrigation—the most common causes of blood-feuds in Kwangtung. One branch won and the other was dispossessed. About seven years ago, the weaker side had its houses razed to the ground after having launched a surprise attack on the stronger.

A number of young men who lost their homes betook themselves to the surrounding hills where they earned a precarious livelihood by acting as scouts for robbers.

REVENGE!
Every opportunity to wreak revenge was made the most of. The Wongs who had become spies for bandits heard that a fairly wealthy family in their ancestral village was about to celebrate the 61st birthday of the father. That was three years ago. The four daughters, whose ages then ranged from 16 to 25, were returning home from Canton to take part in the festivities. On the sampan which was to convey them over the last stage of their journey, a man who had appeared to be asleep sprang up and produced two revolvers from the folds of his long gown. He suppressed the sisters' cries of fear and then ordered the sampan-folk to row the boat to a spot where several confederates awaited him. One of these men stood guard and the others marched their captives inland. En route to the den, the miscreants removed what jewellery and money the girls had.

THE YOUNGEST SPEAKS.
It was dark when the sisters arrived at the bandits' lair. They were interrogated as to their family and the amount of ransom their father could pay. Every time a question was put, the youngest answered on behalf of all four sisters. The robbers then separated them and examined each in turn. When the girls denied that they were the daughters of a well-to-do Wong, the man who had engineered their capture accused them and revealed his identity as being one of the bravos who had left the village after their costly sortie against their clansmen. He went further. He swore to the bandit chief that the brother of these four girls took a leading part in burning down his home. Against that brother he had looked forward to vengeance. The opportunity had come and his friends, the outlaws, ought to profit by it.

ANCIENT CHIVALRY.
After hours of talk which led neither one way nor the other, the majority of the robber gang seemed to accept the girls' story, namely, that they were only em-

ployees of a paper-flower shop in Canton and were on an annual visit to their kinsfolk in the village.

The leader announced that he would let the three older girls go but would keep the youngest while her sisters found the money for ransom.
On hearing the news, the Portia of the family pleaded for her own liberty. Her eloquence prevailed. She quoted the classics in emphasising the cruelty of breaking up a sisterhood and told the bandits about the chivalry of knights of the road in days gone by. Her sisters stood by her and refused to leave unless she accompanied them.

RELEASED ON PAROLE.
At sunrise the next day, the robbers still hesitated. They brought in an "arbitrator" who they knew to be acquainted with the Wongs' history. This man turned out to be the head of a neighbouring band of outlaws. He obtained a promise from the four sisters that if they were released on parole they would pay as much as they could. His counsel was accepted by the captors against the advice of the plotters.

The bandits then provided an escort for the girls to an adjacent ferry-point where the robbers bade them depart. But the youngest sister had doubts. Their betrayer had threatened their lives. She therefore insisted that at least one of the escort accompany her to a wharf near Whampoa. The "hero" of this narrative undertook the duty—at considerable risk to his own safety.

PROMISE KEPT.
Outside Whampoa, the young bandit retraced his steps, having earned the gratitude of the sisters. The girls did not dare proceed further but put up with friends at Whampoa until word could be sent home. Kinsmen went down and accompanied them back to the village for the birthday party.

Not long afterwards, the father gave his daughters \$600 with which to keep their promise. Through the medium of a shop in Canton, the girls remitted \$400 as a token of their thankfulness and in redemption of their promise. They also sent tribute in kind, including presents for the youthful brave who had seen them down to Whampoa.

That the girls were true to their word is vouched for by the father who told the "China Mail," at the time, that his daughters refused to divulge the route they were taken along, the locality of the bandits' lair, and even when pressed by their brother to name the member of the rival clan who had trapped them, so that he could hunt him down, they still refused.

HAPPY ENDING.
When the Nationalists recruited extensively in 1926 for their Northern Expedition, the band of robbers accepted terms held out

TWO TEST BOWLERS IN FORM.

CRICKET AND RAIN

HAMMOND & LARWOOD DO WELL FOR COUNTIES.

KENT DEFEATED BY NOTTS.

Rain must have interfered with the first-class cricket matches at Home. Scores were small and bowlers did well, among them being Hammond of Gloucester and Larwood of Notts, both of whom have been chosen by the M.C.C. to play in Australia.

Kent have suffered another reverse, this time at Trent Bridge; and Middlesex did badly again in meeting Gloucester.

Townsend of Derbyshire had the best figures among the bowlers, his aggregate being 13 victims for 111 runs. Boyes of Hampshire took 5 wickets in each innings against Essex. Four centuries were scored.

Notts v. Kent.

London, Yesterday.
At Trent Bridge, Nottingham, Notts defeated Kent by nine wickets. Scores:—
Kent 118 runs (Larwood 4 for 28) and 267 runs.
Notts 229 runs for 8 wickets, dec. and 158 runs for 1 wkt. (Gunn, G., 100 not out).

Gloucester v. Middlesex.

At Bristol, Gloucestershire led Middlesex on the first innings in an uncompleted match. Scores:—
Gloucester 200 runs and 83 runs for 1 wkt.
Middlesex 148 runs (Hammond 5 for 60).

Derby v. Sussex.

At Chesterfield, Derbyshire took first innings' points from Sussex. Scores:—
Derby 268 runs.
Sussex 163 runs (Bowley 104; Townsend 8 for 48) and, following-on, 152 runs for 8 wickets. (Townsend 5 for 63).

[In a three-days' match, there must be a lead of 150 runs to enforce the follow-on; in a two-days' match, 100 runs. As Derby made Sussex follow-on, it is presumed that there was no play on the first day and that the match became one of two days (vide law 55). Sussex being exactly 100 runs behind on the 1st innings.]

Worcester v. Glamorgan.

At Worcester, Worcestershire led Glamorgan on the first innings. Scores:—
Glamorgan 253 runs for 6 wickets, dec. and 137 runs for 1 wkt.
Worcester 372 runs for 9 wickets, dec. (B. Quaife 136 not out).

Yorks v. Northants.

At Harrogate, Yorkshire defeated Northamptonshire by ten wickets. Scores:—
Yorkshire 287 runs and 12 runs for no wkt.
Northants 125 runs (Robinson 5 for 52, Macaulay 5 for 58) and, following-on, 172 runs (Rhodes 5 for 57).

Hampshire v. Essex.

At Portsmouth, Hampshire beat Essex by an innings and 87 runs. Scores:—
Hants 408 runs (Newman 102).
Essex 120 runs (Boyes 5 for 38) and, following-on, 201 runs (Boyes 5 for 93).

Somerset v. West Indies.

At Bath, Somerset drew with the West Indies. Scores:—
West Indies 180 runs and 230 runs for 9 wickets.
Somerset 215 runs.

—Reuter.

to them in return for their service.

The hero, naturally, wore the uniform and was in action more than once although his unit was not drafted north for the long march to Peking. He is now the commander of a company of infantry with rank equivalent to that of captain.

In Canton, he accidentally met two of the sisters whom he befriended. He became a caller at their house. In time, he won the hand of the youngest of the four, who is now twenty years of age. Before she would consent to marriage, however, she insisted that her admirer use his influence to effect the re-union of the two branches of her clan. In this he has at last succeeded, after bringing pressure to bear on the weaker, (and aggrieved) faction. The wedding was consummated this week with much pomp in Canton.

NANKING INCIDENT TO BE SETTLED.

SAME TERMS AS U.S.A.

FURTHER STATEMENT BY SIR A. CHAMBERLAIN.

CHINA'S TARIFF AUTONOMY.

London, Yesterday.
In a written reply to a Parliamentary question, the Foreign Secretary states that negotiations are now proceeding for the settlement of the Nanking incident of March, 1927, when the British Consulate was attacked with the result that two British nationals were killed and a third British national afterwards died.

Sir Austen Chamberlain adds: "As I stated in the course of a debate on July 30, I am prepared to accept a settlement on the terms already reached with the United States Government."

Replying to a further question, the Foreign Secretary says that the British Minister at Peking has reported that he has been sounded by the Nationalist Gov-

IT MAY RAIN.

S. W. winds, moderate, fair to showery, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

ernment as to the possibility of the British Government entering into negotiation for the conclusion of a treaty on the subject of tariff autonomy similar to that signed by the Chinese Finance Minister and the American Minister in Peking on July 25.—British Wireless Service.

SIR A. CHAMBERLAIN.

SUFFERING FROM SLIGHT BRONCHIO-PNEUMONIA.

London, Yesterday.
The following bulletin was issued this morning, signed by Sir Kenneth Goadby and Doctor De Wesselow: "Sir Austen Chamberlain is suffering from a mild attack of bronchio-pneumonia. He is progressing satisfactorily and his condition gives cause for no anxiety."—Reuter.

PARLIAMENT.

PROROGUED UNTIL NOVEMBER 6

KING'S SPEECH.

London, Yesterday.
Parliament has been prorogued till November 6, when the new session, instead of the usual autumn session, begins.

The King's Speech *inter alia* confidently expects that the Kellogg Treaty, when completed, will constitute a new and important guarantee of the world's peace.

His Majesty is sure that the recommendations of the Commission of Agriculture in India for the promotion of the welfare of the rural population will be sympathetically and fruitfully considered by competent authorities in India.

He declares that the conditions of the basic industries in Britain and their high level of unemployment continue to cause anxiety, but he trusts that the comprehensive proposals of Ministers for the relief of rates on agriculture and other productive industries will not merely increase employment generally, but bring special relief to the areas most in need of it.—Reuter.

FROM THE C.S.P.

"INSTRUCTIONS" ISSUED TO THE LOCAL PRESS.

PERMITS.

The following "instructions," communicated to the Press as coming from the Captain Superintendent of Police, speaks for itself:—"Press and Private photographers and cinema operators wishing to claim special facilities at public functions must bear a permit from the C.S.P. Not more than two men are to represent any one paper or Company, and where the second man is a subordinate, he is required to be fully and respectfully dressed. 'Cinema operators must give 48 hours' notice of their intention to take films at functions."

PLACES IN OLYMPIC FINALS.

400 & 5,000 METRES.

LEADERS AT HALF-WAY STAGE IN DECATHLON.

A 2ND FOR A CANADIAN.

Amsterdam, Yesterday.
Places gained in the Olympic Games in events decided to-day were as follows:—

400 Metres (Final).
Barbuti (America) 1
Ball (Canada) 2
Buechner (Germany) 3
Time: 47.4/5 seconds.
Won by 2 feet.

5,000 Metres (Final).
Ritola (Finland) 1
Nurmi (Finland) 2
Wide (Sweden) 3
Time: 14 minutes, 38 seconds.
Won by 20 yards.

The Decathlon.

Maximum points of 1,000 in each event are being awarded in the Decathlon which started to-day when five events were concluded. The other five will be decided to-morrow. Leading positions at the half-way stage are as follows:—

Points.
Jansson (Sweden) 4,178.85
Jaervinin (Finland) 4,156.03
Stewart (America) 4,127.69
Yrjoela (Finland) 4,103.80
—Reuter.

POPE AND CHINA.

SENDS A MESSAGE TO THE CHINESE.

"A GREAT FUTURE."

Peking, Yesterday.
The Archbishop Constantini, the Apostolic delegate to China, has issued the text of a message from the Pope to the Chinese. It states *inter alia* the "Holy Father, who was the first to treat China not only on a basis of perfect equality, but also of affection and genuine sympathy, consecrating with his own hands the first Chinese Bishops, rejoices at the conclusion of the civil war. He prays that a lasting and fruitful peace may be restored, based upon the principles of charity and justice. He hopes that full recognition will be given to the legitimate aspirations and rights of this people of ancient culture, who before have had epochs of splendour, and who, if they persevere in the ways of justice and order, have a great future in front of them."—Reuter.

COMMEMORATION.

SINGAPORE CHINESE COMMUNISTS CHECKED.

EIGHT POLICE RAIDS.

Singapore, Yesterday.
The demonstrations commemorating the Japanese bombardment of Tainanfu, planned in various parts of Singapore to-day by the local Chinese communists, were nipped in the bud by the police, who made eight raids, paralyzing the communist organisation.
Sixteen important arrests were made including two of the wanted leaders, and large quantities of inflammatory banners and pamphlets were seized.—Reuter.

CAPT. COURTNEY.

SENDS A MESSAGE TO HIS WIFE.

"PLANE ON FIRE."

London, Yesterday.
Capt. Courtney has wirelessed to his wife that he had a very bad time. He was forced to descend by an outbreak of fire in his machine, but there was no need to worry now.
The steamer "Cedric" reports that the plane has been abandoned.—Reuter.

London, Yesterday.—H. M. the King has approved the appointment of the Rt. Rev. Norman Tubbs, Bishop of Tinian, to the bishopric of Rangoon, vacant by the resignation of the Rt. Rev. Rolleston Fyfe.—British Wireless Service.

In the harbouring case reported yesterday we are informed that the number of the house in Peel street concerned was not No. 20, as stated.

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse.

BY THE MAIL MEN.

In the weather Hong Kong has been having this week, the only snappy fellow we've noticed is the photographer.

The hundreds of tiny red fish which were lifted from the sea by the typhoon and deposited in a field two miles away are believed to be whitebait, blushing for very shame.

Jazz is being successfully tried as a cure for lameness, but jazz itself wants a cure for sameness.

The C.S.P. has instructed Press photographers how they are to dress when on duty. See news columns to-day.

The police will inspect all those attending the V.R.C. night fete to see that they are properly clothed.

For the information of the C.S.P.: The China Mail's cameraman at the fete to-night will be attired in full levee rig, including: silk stockings, buckle shoes and sword.

Eliza Batts is one of the dogs suspended by Wembley as a fighter. She seems to have been nibbling on the leg side.

The Tommies' Tattoo! Deathless Glory.

Blows to humorists:—

An Alsatian innkeeper has married his mother-in-law. He says he was never happier in his life.

A London carman of 60 years' experience keeps quite calm in the midst of motor traffic, and when people shout at him does not trouble to answer.

Olympic Games note: "British Empire well in second place". But not so well as in first.

A woman claims to have shattered the idea that cats can find their way home. Even a man can find his way home with the milk.

Laboratory tests are said to show that fresh tomatoes have a lower vitamin value than the best tinned tomatoes. You won't dispute that if you can.

Mr. Alabaster said that the law against perpetual partnerships applies in Hong Kong. Yet we never have any divorces here.

A pathetic appeal from a correspondent:—

A snake has made its appearance in my small pond adjoining a rocky. Can any reader suggest a method of getting it out, as I have goldfish, newts, etc., not to mention many water plants, and certainly don't want snakes? Isn't there an old-fashioned game which consists of giving the snake a ladder?

About Hong Kong. Do you know that—Dr. Eitel wrote a History of Hong Kong many years ago which is constantly quoted even to this day?

A woman of 77 who has kept entirely free of rheumatism attributes her immunity to the fact that she puts soda in her bath. Some men might achieve the same result if they put more soda in their glasses.

Did you know that it is the fashion just now to use perfumes to accord with clothes. Welsh women are wondering if the scent of the leek "goes" best with taffies.

More bathing sheds for the public at Repulse Bay and Stanley beaches: A luxury some long for when the Government is short.

Kent's maidens have the complexion of the Kentish cherry—creamy white with a delicious red that produced by Nature, not by lipstick and cosmetics. A Kent man proudly proclaims: "And cherries soon lose their hearts."

We are afraid that if China continues to talk to the Powers about Treaties and not Debts it's going to be the end of the lend.

"In view of" Wimbledon, Senorita de Alvarez is on a strict diet, and at luncheon had spaghetti, cold ham and spinach with Vichy water and a very small glass of brandy." So that is why athletes are taking up lawn tennis in such numbers.

Mr. Russ remarked in the Summary Court that all motorists ought to be fined three times a day. But wouldn't that make the lawyers work overtime?

"I don't know why they call this railway funny," said one of the English tourists who had to be rescued by ladders when the cable gave way on the Montmartre funicular.

Communist agents have been inactive in the Colony for some time, but the agitator has seldom been at loss for a ready word.

Harrow Council objects to the new telephone exchange at South Harrow being called Byron. Probably because they think the poet's line, "He who listens once will listen twice," may prove prophetic.

When Mr. Justice Jacks refused to accept one version of the Shek O-road collision in this week's suit the question of damages was deferred. His Lordship, however, decided on the question of lie-ability.

Two village policemen have taken prizes for English. Motorists say they thought multiplication was the policeman's strong point.

A motorist alleges that there is no artistry in the local petrol pumps. The Companies had better give him a study in oils.

Breathes there a man who properly realises the possibilities of English weather? There does. He is a hawker at Kentish Town and he is selling both ice cream and cough drops.

Perhaps the reason why the Hong Kong Football League did not get sufficient revenue was because heavy charging was not allowed.

Burglars who broke into a house at Egham drank a bottle of hock and a bottle of port. Cracking a bottle is becoming synonymous with cracking a crib.

Gene Tunney, on announcing his retirement, is stated to have saved G\$3,000,000. Well, G\$3,000,000 can't be bruiers, anyway.

London bus conductors explain the company's ruling that they must not sing, hum, or whistle while at work is due to a praiseworthy desire to enable them to conserve their breath for the occasion when a passenger hands them a one-pound note for a penny fare.

In spite of Lancashire's getting back to the top of the County Cricket table, Kent is still full of hoptomists.

Apologies the sweep ticket prosecution we still think that if the man who backs horses is wicked, the man who does not is no better.

Research chemists tell us that the hoofs of the bullock and cow are used in the manufacture of ice-cream. They are not yet prepared to sign a declaration that ox tails are used in soup.

A news item says: "Instructions have been sent to members of the National Union of Textile Workers in the dyeing and finishing section to cease work." They will be finishing, but not dying.

Had we ever realised before what touching humility is shown by women who make-up? "It is the concealed, self-satisfied girl who uses no make-up—one who considers herself perfect without it," says a correspondent. Brzen hussies!

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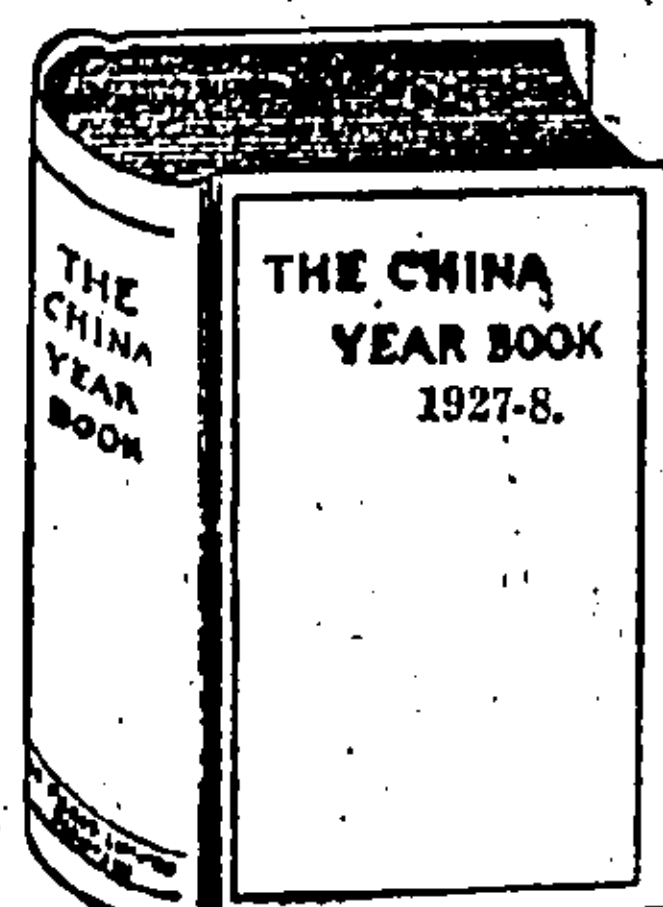
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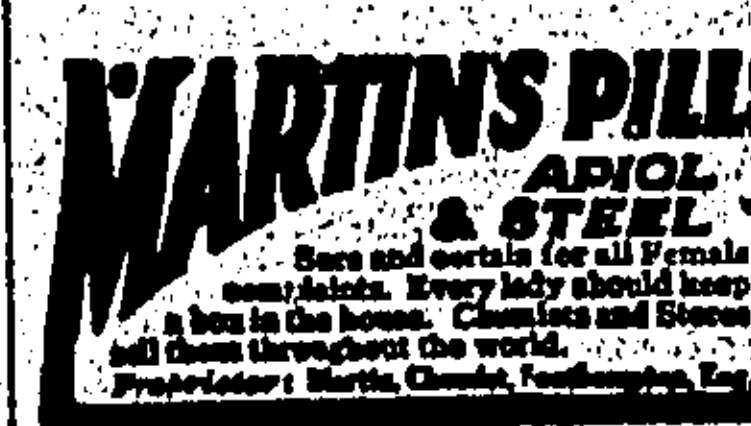
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CHINA TRADE IN 1927.

(Continued from Page 2.)

Kong for the minting of Kwangsi 20-cent pieces at the local mint. A prohibition against the exportation from the province of small silver coins and copper cents was in force throughout the year, and this prohibition was extended to include silver dollars at the end of the year.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The modernising of the city of Wuchow is going on apace: numerous reinforced concrete houses have been built, and several of the streets have been raised, greatly widened, and macadamised. The Public Works Department took over the management of the old electric light company and erected a new plant on the opposite side of the Fu River above high-water level. New machinery was ordered from Germany, and by the end of October the plant was in working order and the major part of the city was being supplied with excellent light from the new station. The public park, which was opened on Northern Hill in 1925, has been enlarged and improved and is much appreciated by the better-class people, especially during the summer months.

In October work was commenced on a new wireless telegraph station and was completed by the end of the year. The station consists of two steel towers, 160 feet high, and a station house. The equipment was obtained from Germany and consists of a 7-h.p. kerosene oil engine, a 4.50-kw. D. C. generator, and a 2.50-kw. converter. The transmitter consists of a 500-watt tube and the receiver of a detector and two stages of amplifier. In addition, there is a radio telephone equipment. The station is working well and is sufficiently powerful to get into touch with Shanghai, Nanking, Wuchang, and Taiyuan, in Shanxi. For the present it accepts military telegrams only, but later on it will be prepared to take commercial messages. The growth of the roads movement in the province has been really remarkable, and it is expected that by the end of 1928 it will be possible to get from Wuchow to Kwellin in one day—a trip which at present takes anything from two to four weeks by boat.

The Nanning-Kwellin road has been completed as far as Liuchow, and motors run regularly between Nanning and Liuchow, taking about seven hours for the journey. The Kwellin-Watling road, which was completed last year, has been extended to Shekkok, in Kwangtung, and will run eventually to Pakhoi and Kwongchowwan. A few cases of cholera occurred during the summer, but the disease did not become epidemic. The river remained comparatively low in summer the highest record being 52 feet 8 inches in July. The lowest water recorded was 2 feet in February. The highest temperature was 96 deg. F. in June, and the lowest, 40 deg. F. in January, while the total number of rainy days was 154, with a rainfall of 54.69 inches.

NATIVE CUSTOMS.

Shipping.—The total number of junks entered and cleared at the Native Customs was 14,568, aggregating 8,387,602 tons, an increase of 475,000 tons over last year's figures. Conditions, on the whole, were better than they have been for some years.

Revenue.—The collection for the year, excluding famine relief surtax collected during January, was Hk. Tls. 82,600, an increase of over Hk. Tls. 21,000 when compared with the collection for 1926.

Trade.—The value of trade passing through the Native Customs reached Hk. Tls. 11,056,668, an increase of over 3 million taels on the figures of the previous year. The total value of imports was greater than in 1926, due principally to larger importations of salt. Exports in general increased, the most noticeable being rice (due to good harvests), groundnut oil, wood oil, and manganese ore.

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LOCAL SHARES.

**MESSRS. MOXON & TAYLOR'S
WEEKLY REPORT.**

STEADY MARKET.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, in their weekly report on the Hong Kong share market, under date of yesterday, state: Our market was fairly steady during the week under review with a strong demand for sound investment stocks.

Once again, however, the volume of business transacted was on a restricted scale as holders are still looking forward to a further improvement in the future.

Shanghai market is quiet.

The following are the principal alterations since last week:
Banks.—Remained unchanged at \$1.255 at which price a few shares came to market.

Unions.—Continued on the upward grade and \$347½ is now being offered without meeting with any response from sellers.

Canton Insurances.—Had another rise and are now wanted at \$540.

Hong Kong Fires and China Fires.—Are firm with buyers at quotations.

China Underwriters.—Continued unchanged with buyers at \$2½.

Hong Kong Hotels.—\$8.90 was freely offered throughout the week but shares are being held for rather more.

Hong Kong Trams.—Had buyers at \$24½ without attracting sellers.

Star Ferries.—Changed hands at \$64 but \$64¼ is being asked for further business.

China Lights.—Are quiet but the new issue have buyers at \$10½ after business done at \$10.90.

Electricity.—Were done at \$48½ for the old shares and more are wanted at this while at the close the new shares have come into favour again and would find buyers at \$47½.

China Providents.—Had a slight decline in the buying rate to \$4.95 but sellers show no disposition to meet the reduction.

Cements.—Were done at \$9 for the combined shares and a trifle more would now be paid.

Watsons.—Experienced a firm market from \$14 to \$14.30 but rather more would have to be paid to obtain shares.

Douglases.—Opened with sales at \$38 and close with buyers at \$38½.

Docks.—Are still wanted at \$40 with sellers holding out for \$41.

London Quotations of the 1st inst.—Banks \$133; Indos Deferred \$7 15/-; Shells 65 2/6; all middle prices.

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This week's "Overland," in addition to the usual features, is generously illustrated with photos and pictures of life in Hong Kong and China. It contains also a number of trade reviews of 1927 and the Full Court judgment in the Batt's v. Silva-Netto Appeal—a matter of great importance to trade.

WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

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MONTEVIDEO MARU Friday, 10th August.

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MOMBASA—via Singapore and Colombo.

CANADA MARU Sunday, 6th August.

CALCUTTA—via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

KASADO MARU Saturday, 25th August.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—via Shanghai and
Japan ports.

MELBOURNE—via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.

HIMALAYA MARU Sunday, 5th August.

MADAGASCAR MARU Wednesday, 5th September.

BANGKOK—via Saigon.

HAIIPHONG—via Hanoi.

MENADO MARU Thursday, 16th August 10 a.m.

NEW YORK—via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.

HAYE MARU Tuesday, 14th August.

JAPAN PORTS

ALASKA MARU Friday, 10th August.

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SHIPPING
SECTION.

NEW FREE PORT.

KENYA MAY HAVE SAME
STATUS AS HONG KONG.

AN OBJECT LESSON.

London.—Kenya Colony is considering the conversion of its port Mombasa into a "free port" on the lines of Singapore and Hong Kong. To this end, the Mombasa Chamber of Commerce has been in communication with the governments of those two colonies to inquire whether each is still satisfied with its status as a "free port."

Singapore gave a most emphatic "yes" but, to the disappointment of Mombasa, left it at that. Hong Kong, on the other hand, gave full details of its experiences. "There are no two opinions," it said, "that Hong Kong is better off commercially and financially as a free port. The colony may be regarded as the warehouse and gateway of Southern China and an unrestricted movement of commercial commodities is, therefore, essential to its port, which, under a free port status, has become one of the largest in the world. Under this arrangement it is not until the goods imported into Hong Kong actually enter China itself that duties become payable. An important by effect of our status also has been to encourage the establishment here of a number of industries, though their natural home is the mainland of China."

Mombasa is practically the only port both for the vast colony of Kenya, and also for Uganda, being the starting place of their railways. It also does an increasingly large transit trade with the Congo, the Sudan, Abyssinia, parts of Tanganyika and Italian territory. It is considered that not only would this trade be facilitated by the proposed change but the excessive holding of stocks of imports up country in Kenya itself would be stopped. There have recently been many complaints of delays on the Government lines into the interior and of congestion in the port itself, but the authorities state that merchants do not attempt to have their imports along the railway at less crowded times. With the annual outflow of the Uganda cotton crop, congestion always exists. The attention of the chamber has also been directed to Europe where, since the war, a number of new free ports, and "free zones" in ports, have been established to meet most war conditions. The most noticeable example of this is Saloniki, which, as a free port, is becoming the "Hamburg" of the Eastern Mediterranean. — "Christian Science Monitor."

COMPANY RESULT.

JOHN BROWN AND CO. OF
CLYDEBANK.

The directors of Messrs. John Brown and Co., the Sheffield and Clydebank firm of armament makers, shipbuilders, etc., in their report for the year to the end of March last, state that any comparison with the results of the various departments of the Atlas Works with those of the previous year is impossible owing to the abnormal conditions prevailing in that year due to the coal dispute. They are, however, glad to note some slight improvement in trade during the past few months. The work at the collieries proceeded without serious interruption, but owing to the heavy fall in prices during the latter part of the financial year the results were far from satisfactory. Serious consideration has been given to the value of the fixed assets and investments as shown by the company's books, but as this largely depends on the conditions of trade from time to time, the directors feel that it would not be in the interests of the shareholders to suggest any alteration at the present moment. Subject to minor adjustments, therefore, these assets (against which are considerable reserves) remain at the same figure as in the balance-sheet of the previous year. The net profit, after charging debenture and loan interest, depreciation on plant and machinery, and appropriations, is £67,990, making, with the balance brought forward from last year, £111,278, a total disposable profit of £179,668. An interim dividend of 2½ per cent. was paid on the preference shares in December last, and it is now proposed to pay a final dividend of 1½ per cent. on these shares. In view of the present condition of trade

HELM ORDERS.

ARGUMENT AGAINST PRO-
POSED CHANGE.[To the Editor of the "Journal
of Commerce."]

Sir,—The views of Mr. Lawrence Holt on matters concerning seafaring must necessarily carry considerable weight. But in the present case I feel that it is desirable to reiterate what quite recently I publicly announced in respect of the very definite and deliberate decision of the management committee of the Guild—all of them highly skilled master mariners of long experience—after mature discussion.

This decision was that however much the present helm owners may be open to adverse criticism; any departure from them could not be too strongly deprecated, bringing in its train, as it inevitably would, the gravest possible perils, with probable great loss of life. These views have subsequently been completely endorsed in "The Times" by Admiral W. H. Henderson, R.N. (Retd.), and by Captain R. C. D. Bradley, a commander of wide experience in the Merchant Navy, whilst just recently I have been favoured with a letter from that well-known authority on matters appertaining to the Merchant Navy, Captain Sir David Wilson-Barker, K.B.E., formerly commanding the training ship "Worcester," who holds precisely the same opinion. Though not a complete endorsement, the opinions of the Collisions Committee of the Chamber of Shipping go a very long way in that direction. They clearly indicate that any change would be certain to invite great risks. I would ask: Is it wise to introduce innovations when probably the last state of affairs would be worse than the first?

On looking up the figures as regards the merchant tonnage of the different maritime countries, I find that whereas merchant ships of a total of 43,802,118 tons use the present helm orders, ships of a total tonnage of 21,390,792 tons use different helm orders. This seems to me a case of the majority giving way to the minority with a vengeance!

In conclusion, whilst I have not as yet tested the opinions of the management committee of the Guild on the point, personally, were any change decided upon, I have no hesitation in saying that the use of the words "right" and "left" should not be adopted. These words, as everybody knows, are of extremely common usage, especially the word "right," on board ship. Orders given on the bridge are usually responded to by the words, "Right, sir!" It is not uncommon that an officer, a seaman, or a man at the wheel may bear the name of "Wright." The interpretation of these terms in the language of other maritime countries would be likely to cause still greater confusion. Altogether it seems to me that if a change is made, despite the diversity of views which seems to exist, then something better than the terms "left" and "right" must, without a doubt, be found.—Yours, &c.,

T. W. MOORE, Secretary.
Imperial Merchant Service Guild,
Liverpool.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" (from Manila) is due here to-morrow at 9 a.m., and will berth at Pier No. 5 Kowloon Wharf. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama on August 8 at 6 a.m.

The E. & A. s.s. "Tanda" left Sydney for this port on July 17 at a.m. with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on August 8.

The M.V. "Japan" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Hamburg on July 7, and is due here on or about August 22.

The M.V. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Hamburg on July 22, and is due here on or about August 31.

the directors do not consider it advisable to pay a dividend on the ordinary shares, but propose to carry the balance of £91,168 forward to next year's account. For 1926-27 the profit was £6,589, compared with £91,419 for 1925-26 and £211,283 for 1924-25. In the last mentioned year 5 per cent. was paid on the ordinary shares, but no distribution has since been made on those shares.

PILFERING.

ORGANISED PORT
ACTIVITIES.

CALCUTTA GANG.

An organised gang of thieves whose operations resulted in the Calcutta Port Commissioners having to pay lakhs of rupees as compensation for stolen goods from ships or landed on the jetties has been run to earth after an exciting chase. A special staff of port police has been active for weeks shadowing suspects, and their efforts were rewarded when an officer disguised as a coolie saw a man whom he believed to be the leader of the gang enter a taxi.

A tyre of the police car burst, but the driver carried on, careering zig-zag through the moonsoon-flooded streets, and finally trailed the quarry to a lonely storeyard, which he unlocked, disclosing many bales of stolen goods. When arrested, the man gave information leading to the apprehension of 14 alleged accomplices, who were traced to various parts of the city and suburbs. They include several prominent Indian merchants doing a big business in Clive-street, the commercial centre of Calcutta, states the Calcutta correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph." Sensational revelations are expected when the case comes before the Courts. It appears that the gang, which has operated for 20 years undisturbed, bribed the keeper of the gate of the jetties. The gang employed its own coolies during the rush hours after the arrival of ships from home, and got away cartloads of goods unchecked. The police believe that they have at last broken the back of the organised thieving at jetties and docks, which has caused anxiety and enormous loss to shippers and the port authorities for many years.

"EMPRESS OF FRANCE."

News comes from Montreal to the effect that the "Empress of France," well-known Atlantic liner, will replace the "Empress of Canada" in the trans-Pacific service of the C.P.O.S. out of Vancouver. The Atlantic vessel will take over the "Canada's" schedule, while the Pacific liner is being fitted with new engines. The change will be made in October or November when she reaches Hong Kong on a world tour.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 29	Sept. 1	Sept. 4	Sept. 6	Sept. 15
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 18	Sept. 20	Sept. 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Oct. 3	Oct. 6	Oct. 9	Oct. 11	Oct. 20
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Oct. 24	Oct. 27	Oct. 30	Nov. 1	Nov. 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 13	Nov. 15	Nov. 24
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	Nov. 23	Dec. 1	Dec. 4	Dec. 6	Dec. 15
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Dec. 12	Dec. 15	Dec. 18	Dec. 20	Dec. 29
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jan. 16	Jan. 19	Jan. 22	Jan. 24	Feb. 2
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	Feb. 6	Feb. 9	Feb. 12	Feb. 14	Feb. 23
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WITH-HELD WAGES.

Mrs. Agnes Helen Malet Warden, wife of an Engineer-Commander in the Royal Navy, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment at Rochester for an aggravated assault on Eva Pittilla (17), a maid in her employ, reports the "Daily News and Westminster Gazette."

The girl, who hails from Sunderland, stated that she entered Mrs. Warden's employ in November last, and all the wages she had received was 4s. 6d. Within three days of her arrival she was struck on the head by defendant because she could not find something at once.

On another day Mrs. Warden, she said, struck her on the head with a steel spoon, and every wash-



William Zumburn, general counsel for the Ku Klux Klan, who testified before the Senate presidential campaign committee that the K. K. K. paid Senator Heflin, of Alabama, to give speeches in various states. Senator Heflin is an implacable foe of Gov. Al Smith, of New York, a Catholic candidate for the Presidential nomination.

ing day she was beaten because it was alleged she allowed the sheets to drag on the ground.

"I complained to a needlewoman," the girl said, "and Mrs. Warden heard of the complaint, punched me on the head, and kicked me. She said if I talked to her employees again she would take me into the basement, where no one could hear, and thrash me."

Cut Off Her Hair.

In April, the girl alleged, Mrs. Warden cut off her hair, and the following day, because she had not finished the nursery, Mrs. Warden made her nose bleed and struck her on the back with a hand-truck.

The girl further alleged that she had been beaten with sticks, and that the defendant's children had also taken sticks and beaten her. She was not allowed to go out unaccompanied, and her life became so intolerable, she added, that she eventually had to put a note under the gate to the servant next door.

An inspector of the N.S.P.C.C., on visiting the house, found the girl in a state of collapse and removed her to the Church Army Home, where she was examined by Dr. Kennedy, who found bruises on her shoulders, chest and legs, and abrasion of her cheek. Mrs. Warden declared that the whole of the girl's story was a fabrication, but admitted that she had been thrashed by her children, who disliked her. She said she had always treated the girl as one of the family. It had been her intention to dismiss her because she was unsatisfactory, but the girl had begged to be allowed to remain.

Miss Spickett, defendant's cook, said she had never seen the maid threatened except by the children. The Bench said the evidence showed that Mrs. Warden had been cruel.

SIGNS "PER PRO."

Mrs. E. G. Tait recently had conferred upon her an unusual distinction, by the firm Messrs. Algar & Co. Ltd., architects, surveyors, land, estate and insurance agents, when it was announced that she would "sign per procurator" for the firm. As far as can be ascertained, this is the first time in the history of a foreign firm in China that any woman has achieved such a position, observed the "N. C. Daily News."

Following the above announcement a correspondent called our Shanghai contemporary's attention to the fact that three other ladies are known to him as holding similar positions in Shanghai. These are Mrs. Remedios, signing for the China Realty Co.; Miss Flood and Mrs. Jean signing for the International Savings Society for several years.

THE PURDAH EVIL.

CALCUTTA WOMEN EXPRESS
STRONG VIEWS.

ABOLITION MOVE.

"The purdah system may be compared with deadly carbon monoxide gas—it causes a painless death."

This castigation by a prominent Mohammedan woman sums up the attitude of modern enlightened Bengali womanhood towards purdah.

The "Statesman," which interviewed representative women in Calcutta last week on the subject encountered a solid weight of opinion against the continuance of the system in Bengal.

The decision of Bihar to abolish purdah is regarded by members of the modern feminist movement as a significant step towards complete independence for women.

Spoken from behind a purdah, Mrs. R. S. Hossein, superintendent of the Sakhawati (Mohammedan) Memorial Girls' School, Calcutta, said:—"I cannot imagine how the people who want to keep half of their population in complete ignorance and within the purdah would be able to compete with the other nations of the world who have placed their men and women on an equal footing in the matter of education."

"For a long time men have been deceiving us and women have been suffering in silence. There has, however, been a great stir in different Hindu communities for the uplift of their women, but the Mohammedan women are still where they were."

WRETCHED WOMEN.

"You will find societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals which demonstrate how people feel for the lower animals. You must have observed the tears being shed for a dog run over by a car. But there is not a single man in India who weeps for the unfortunate and wretched women like us who are shut up in the zenana."

It has been said by a great Mohammedan scholar that the purdah is a painful sore to our society. I do not agree with him. Had it been so then our women would have rent the sky with their groanings. The purdah system may be rightly compared with the deadly carbon monoxide gas, because it causes a painless death.

"People do not take notice of and guard themselves against the gas. Similarly our sister within the purdah are slowly dying a painless death due to the purdah gas."

"Well done, Bihar," is Mrs. Indira Devi Chaudhuri's verdict regarding the decision to abolish purdah in that province.

"Education is looked upon by most merely as a means to an end, that end being the daily bread for self and family. Since women need not earn, they need not learn either. But men's education must necessarily have and has actually had its reaction on that of women. Educated men, especially nowadays, seek educated wives. And as all girls must be married therefore they must be educated to a certain extent, different according to their status in life."

WHAT EDUCATION HAS DONE.

"Amongst the rich—the English educated community, some through conviction, others through imitation, have their girls more or less highly educated; the orthodox community less so. The former have practically done away with purdah from choice, and certain of the middle-class from necessity, e.g., those who have to earn their own living, such as nurses, doctors and teachers."

"It goes without saying that the lower classes have no purdah to speak of,—at least those who have to earn their own living, and therefore cannot stay at home. It follows then, that only the rich orthodox, and well-to-do middle-class suffer from purdah. Of these the former are gradually, but slowly, relaxing the rigidity of their customs on account of the time-spirit. With the latter, it is not so much the fear of approbrium as the stress of economy that keeps their women folk in purdah."

"In the house itself money is needed to bring more light and air into the living-rooms; and outside the house, some sort of conveyance is necessary for womenfolk to take the air, at least in big towns. It is to the goddess Luxuri more than to Mrs. Grundy that we must look for a change in this direction."

DEGENERATION CAUSE.

Mrs. Kumudini Basu, B.A., was of the opinion that the purdah system was one of the principal causes of the spiritual, intellectual and physical degeneration of Bengali men and women.

"It has," she said, "made the women like dumb, driven cattle. It has taken all our strength away. It has made us so weak that we cannot protect ourselves even when

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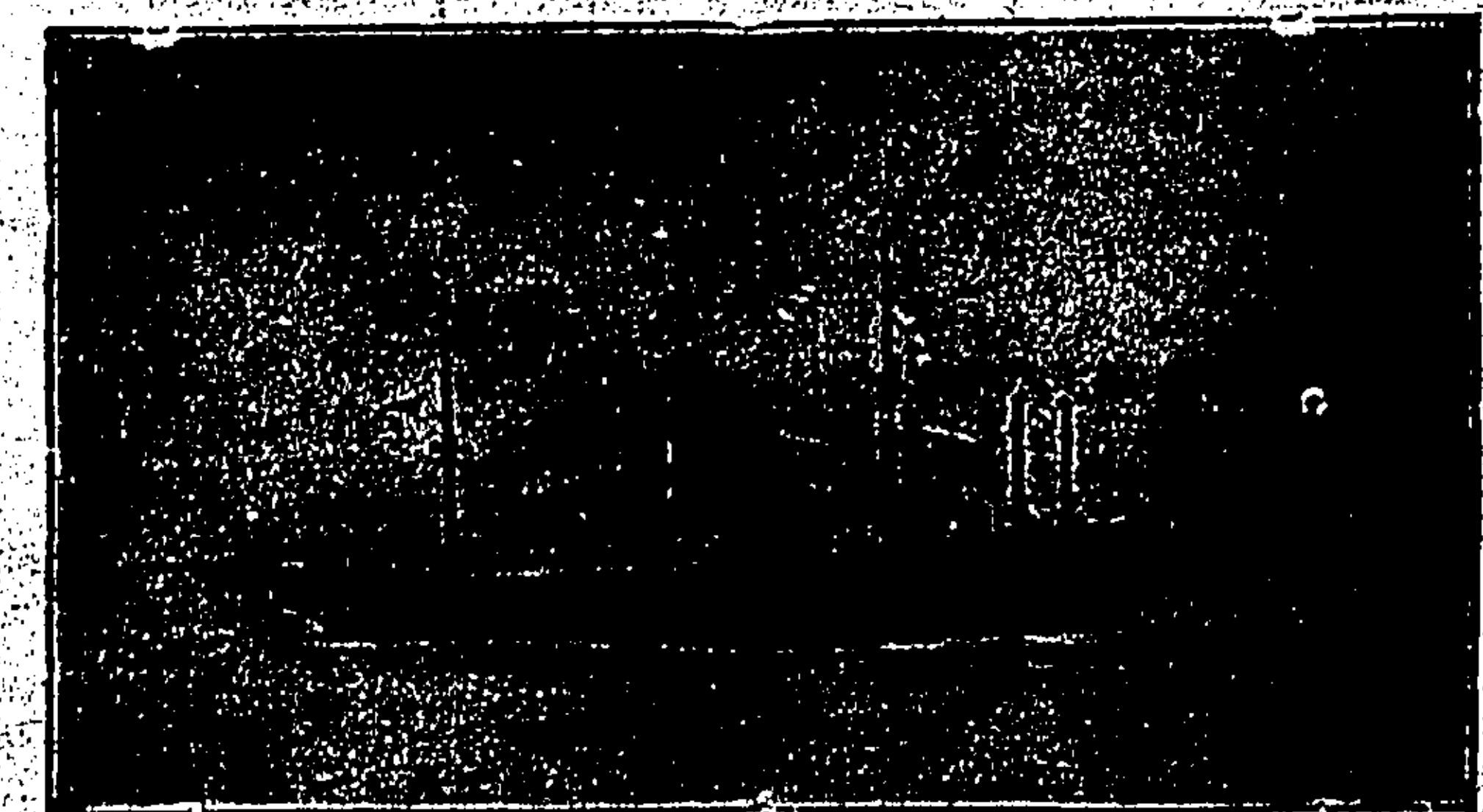
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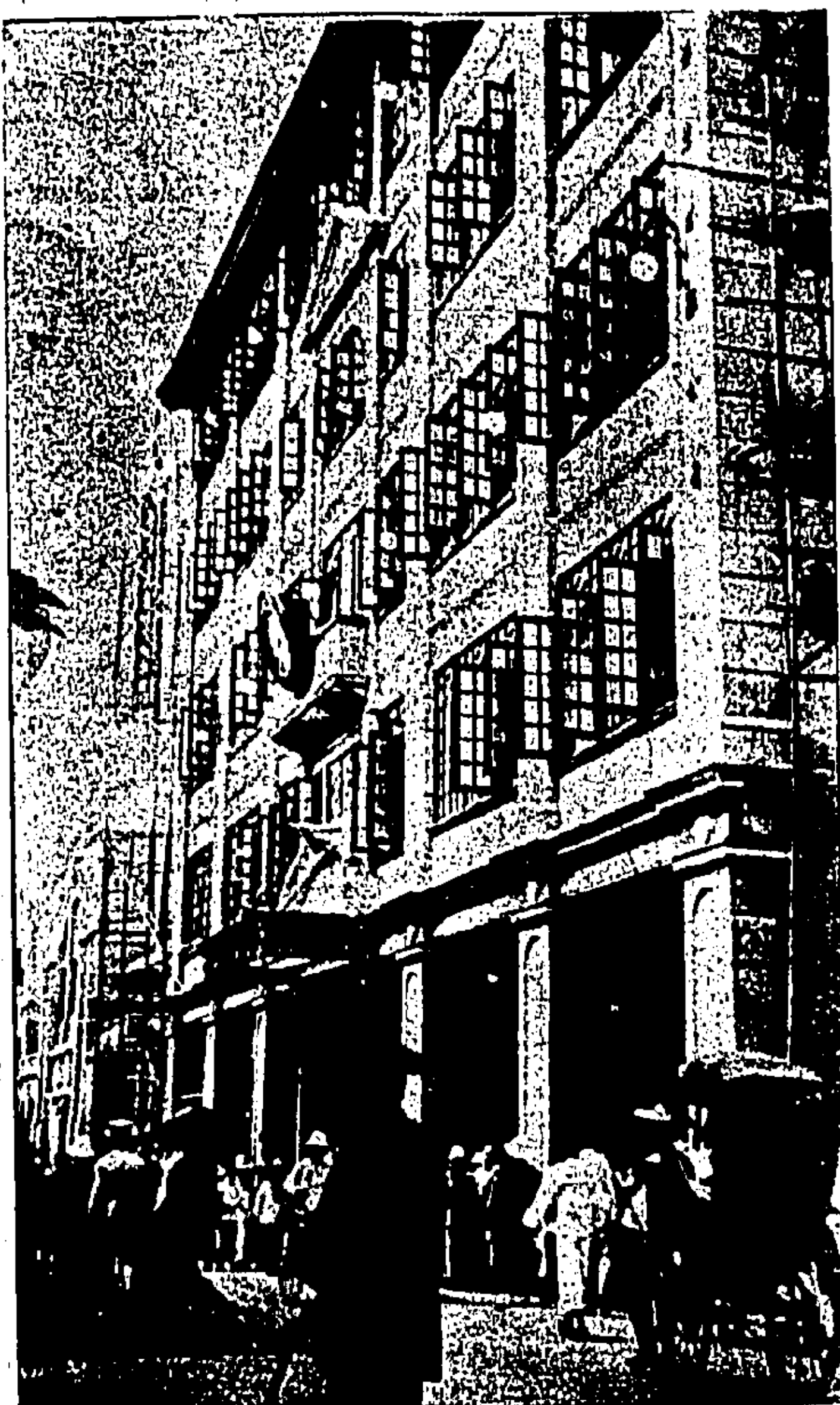
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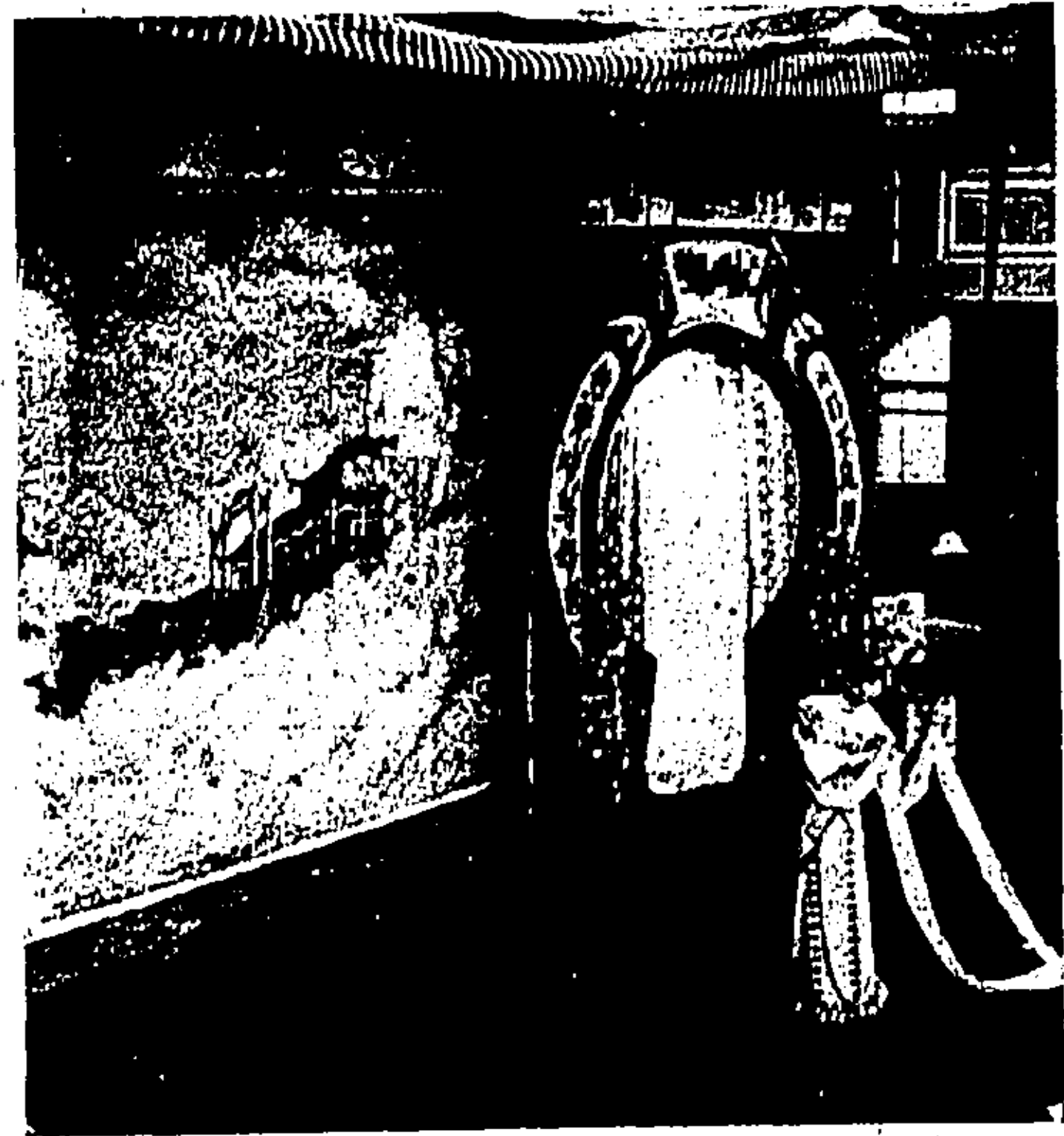
LOCAL AIRMAN'S WEDDING.—An archway of Naval officers' swords in the porch of St. John's Cathedral on July 26, after the wedding of Lieut. J. W. Hale, R.N. (Flying Officer, R.A.F.), who is attached to the Royal Air Force base at Kai Tak, Kowloon City. The bridegroom is the son of Brig.-Gen. (retired) T. W. Hale. The bride is Miss Moira Freud, of No. 3, King's-terrace, Kowloon, the daughter of Dr. J. A. Freud. The Rev. Dean Swann performed the ceremony. Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., R.N., was one of the witnesses who signed the register.



MACAO'S FIRST SKYSCRAPER.—The new and modern structure in Macao—the President Hotel—which has been opened on Avenida Almeida Ribeiro, the main thoroughfare.—(Photo by courtesy of Mr. W. J. Grant).



GUESTS AT A WEDDING RECEPTION.—Some of the guests at the Commodore's Bungalow, No. 103, the Peak, on July 26, after the wedding of Lt. J. W. Hale, R.N. (Flying Officer, R.A.F.), of the Royal Air Force base, Kai Tak, and Miss Moira Freud.



OPENING OF KO SHING THEATRE.—Mr. Chan Fei-nung, one of the leading Cantonese female impersonators, in the name part of "The Heavenly Goddess Scattering Flowers."—(Welcome Studio).



A SCHOOL GROUP.—Visitors, the staff and pupils of Pool Sun School, No. 162, Laichikok-road, after the gathering at the end of the term. Seated, on the extreme left, is Piper Taylor who, with Corporal Young (second from the right), danced a Highland Fling and gave combined pipe selections. Next to Piper Taylor is Mr. A. E. Lea who addressed the boys on the value of education. Near the centre is Mrs. W. Thomson, Headmistress, whose speech was interpreted by Mr. Lai King-tong, who is on her left. Between Mr. Lai and Corporal Young is Mr. W. Thomson, Clerk to the Chief Justice. After the entertainment presented in the Mongkok Cinema Theatre, an informal tea was given in the school to the staff and friends. Plants and flowers for the decoration of the school and the theatre were kindly loaned by Mr. Chan Kung-cheong of Boundary-street. The school report was presented by the Chinese headmaster, Mr. Lai Hung-yut.—(Sun Studio).



THE OPENING CEREMONY.—H. E. Senhor Artur Tamagnini Barbosa, Governor of Macao (seen in the centre) officially declaring open the President Hotel.—(Photo by courtesy of Mr. W. J. Grant).



A RECREIO VICTORY.—At King's Park last Saturday—Recreio "II": L. A. Rocha and G. A. Noronha, A. A. Remedios and A. Gosano, H. A. Barros and C. A. Barretto, Kowloon C. C.: C. H. Atkins and K. A. Carstensen, A. E. Guest and R. P. Bingham, A. W. Ramsay and E. Walker.—(Welcome Studio).



FOUR LEAGUE TENNIS TEAMS.—At Causeway Bay last Saturday—Chinese R.C. "I": Cheng Chi-wing and Chan Wah-p9, Ip Kau and Lo Man-hin, Lau Man-kwong and Piu Tuen-chiu, R.A.M.C.: Major R. H. Lucas and Pte. Tiernan, Major E. P. Cox and Staff Sgt. Sims, Sgt. Major Browne and Staff Sgt. Gilmore, Chinese R.C. "II": Ng Kam-chuen and Teoi Ping-fan, W. C. Hung and H. W. Chan, C. F. Lee and Hon Lun-kung, Indian R.C.: M. O. Hoosen and A. Rahman, M. Hassan and Y. J. Khan, M. P. Madar and M. Y. Adal.—(Welcome Studio).



A KIDDIES' PARTY.—At a small birthday party given by Jacqueline (Jackie) and John (Jeannette) Thompson, the six-years-old twin daughters of Mrs. B. Thompson, No. 32, Lugard-road, the Peak, on July 28. The little "hosts" are in the middle row.



ONE OF THE RINKS.—Play in progress last Saturday in the division II league bowls match at King's Park where Club de Recreio "B" lost to Craigengower C. C. by 49 shots to 58. Here J. G. Ozorio's rink, the latter winning by 20 shots to 19.—(Welcome Studio).



LOUISE FAZENDA in "Cradle Snatchers."



LEAGUE BOWLS MATCH.—The teams at King's Park last Saturday, when Club de Recreio "B" lost in division II to Craigengower Cricket Club by 49 shots to 58. The teams were:—Club de Recreio "B": Gomes, F. X. Soares, J. Ribeiro, J. G. Ozorio (skip), A. Machado, A. V. Barros, H. Sequeira, F. Yvanovich (skip), A. E. S. Alves, E. V. M. R. de Sousa, A. H. Basto, L. E. Gutierrez (skip), Craigengower C. C.: D. K. Kharas, Y. Abbas, W. Nicholson, W. Collina (skip), F. K. Modl, S. Flegg, J. T. Lunny, A. A. Razack (skip), R. C. Reed, E. Zimmermann, A. A. Lewis, F. T. Knott (skip).—(Welcome Studio).



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There will be many types of dresses both in town and in the country this season. Variety marks the mode and consequently, there are any number of frocks to choose from to create a wardrobe in which there are not apt to be two dresses alike.

To begin with, this season sees each event dressed properly. There is no rule to cover the costume for both sports and teas, but there is a definite understanding that sports will find sports clothes the road to chic, while in a season stressing femininity the frilly dress of soft chiffon or silk will prove the correct thing at teas and formal luncheons. Heretofore in the summertime, the sports dress was considered quite proper in the daytime for both sports and social events, but now there is a definite understanding that the occasion is to be properly dressed.

Among the summer notes of in-

terest is the fact that black and white remains a prime favourite for both sports costumes and the dressier moments of the day. Sometimes the black and white combination is seen in the patterned materials while at other times the plain black and plain white are used together. Both effects are bound to be stunning.

Smocking and peasant embroidery, too, are features of individualistic charm in many of the summer frocks for dress. It is particularly smart on sheer voiles, silks and georgettes.

Billie Dove, always favouring a black and white combination, uses it most effectively in the First National film, "The Yellow Lily." Her dress, of one piece and of peasant tendencies, is of white crepe silk beautifully embroidered in black. A low waistline is designated by a girdle of white fringed in black and white.

ROUNDING OUT THE WARDROBE.

The term "wardrobe" is a most flexible one, for it can be varied to suit the individual. In a general way it includes dresses and wraps, hats and shoes, and all the minor accessories for which a whimsical fashion finds use. Our activities shape it and, accordingly, limit it, but careful choosing makes it a success or a failure, as the case may be. The key word to the entire puzzle is only a four-letter word—type!

For fashion, which has become, in the past few seasons, an exceedingly involved and intricate thing, is made up of distinct types, each with its special purpose. Into some wardrobes go all these types, into some not more than two or three, into others a varying number. A successful selection includes those things appropriate to the life of the one who makes the selection. Skill in that selection assures its variety.

Four groups may be considered, each an entity wholly apart from the other three. Sports, togs, for the active or the spectator sports-woman include sleeveless frocks, sweaters, a coat of tweed for general purposes, an ensemble of linen or silk, and the costume details to complement those garments. Bathing-togs and riding things may be included in this group, but they are really specialised apparel.

In the second group we place the town, travel and utility ensembles that are so vital an item in nearly every wardrobe. Materials and details may vary, but the purpose and the theme are the same. In a third group go the formal daytime things that must be correctly fitted out with accessories to form a perfect costume. And the fourth group covers evening wear with all the charming details that go with it.

The average woman wishes to be, not only correct, but smart. This means that the individual parts of her costume must be harmonious, and no matter how exquisite, each may be, in itself, it must combine with the others into a unit. This does not mean lavish expenditure,

THE "DEVI DANCE."

One more dance, with different music and time, has come from India, following the "lama blues," reported recently; it is the "devi dance." Finding that the vogue in ballroom dancing is to try and get inspiration from folk dancing in various parts of the world, some Indian dancing experts have visited several parts of India, where ladies take part in dancing what is called the "garbha dance." The adaptation to ballroom dancing was difficult, but it has been achieved. It was at first a sequence dance of the type, so far as Indian dancing can be compared to European dancing, of the minuet, or polka. But that is not the fashion in days of non-sequential dancing. The time is quicker than a waltz, which it resembles in its three-three beat, but slower than a fox trot, coming very near the "blues" but for its time. The "devi dance" is a combination of the waltz and the blues; whereas in the waltz the fundamental point is the circular motion, while in the "devi dance" there are continuous forward movements. Unlike the fox trot, however, it has a lilt and a swaying rhythm. Like the side steps of the tango, the man glides his right foot across his left, brings, as in the waltz, the left foot close to his right, swings quarter to the right, and advances in a similar tango cross step, but with his left foot first to the right, brings his right foot close, and swings again quarter to the left. It keeps the three-three beat, is a delightful combination of all the three best ballroom dances, and is very catchy in its lilt and swing. It can be easily learned and is most suitable for a crowded floor. No doubt some of our clever exponents will introduce it this coming season.

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necessarily. But it does mean the right thing in the right place—type, fabric, colour, line. And beyond everything else, it means an effect of individuality.

UNDERGARMENTS DISCARD THEIR FRILLS

As Dresses Become Feminine in Feeling, Underclothes Grow Simpler. They Are Skillfully Designed for Convenience as Well as Style.



Lingerie is reversing the general order of the day. As dresses and ensembles take on frills and fur-below, undergarments delete everything in the way of ornamentation and are skillfully simple and strikingly designed. They do stress the ensemble movement, however, and the newest lingerie is to be found in sets of exquisite workmanship and soft fabric.

Underwear alone is not confined to the ensemble idea; for all the accessories as well as negligees find themselves harmonizing completely. The more tailored of lounging suits find themselves matched in undergarments of severely simple lines and as near as possible like the suit as possible. The feminine tea gown on the other hand is matched in sheer chiffons and laces of exquisite feminine detail but without disturbing fullnesses. Street clothes and evening dresses also demand the same type of underclothes to create a successfully chic appearance.

While the mode still demands the sheerest and most beautiful of silks and chiffons for undergarments, the absence of trimming is noted. And here the demand for flowered fabrics comes popularly to the fore. Printed flowers, dots and checks are worn in simply designed

pieces. But the desire for solid colours still exists and crepe de chine is still the most favoured of materials. It lends itself beautifully to fine tucking, hand hem-stitching, fagotting, cross stitching and embroidery.

While ensembles in underwear are the popular choice, they no longer demand as many pieces as were formerly to be found in "sets." The mode with its constant demand for simplicity has eliminated all but the most essential articles. To-day, while there are to be found chemises, step-ins, shirts, bloomers, brassieres and costume slips all following the ensemble note, there is seldom any necessity for wearing more than one or two of these garments. The most satisfactory all-around garment is the envelope chemise of crepe de chine, nylon, or voile and the best style is one finished with tucks, drawn work or embroidery, with perhaps a fine lace edging. The length of the leg in this model is short.

The chemise is often enough to wear with sports clothes as well as the more elaborate dresses. For the afternoon or evening step-ins of more elaborate appeal are chosen. The chemise and drawers in one, is a popular choice. Bloomers

are worn frequently for active sports and are accompanied by shirts and brassieres of matching fabric and design. Shoulder straps are generally worn in the daytime, but for evening many of the garments are designed so that they may easily be eliminated. While very sheer dresses demand the wearing of a costume slip, it is always designed along simple lines with a possible lace edging at the top as well as some delicate embroidery. There are to be found, however, undergarments so designed that three pieces may be worn as one.

Some of these combinations designed to be worn with evening dresses are cut with plain fitting decollete bodices and skirts and drawers attached with gathers or small tucks to waist at the normal waistline. This eliminates unnecessary bulk.

N negligees, too, are becoming simpler and little jackets and lounging suits are meeting the needs of a simplified boudoir.

Alice White, whose love for lovely negligees is given a chance to be seen in the First National film, "Harold Teen," has chosen sets which eliminate all unnecessary pieces and which depend upon skillful designing and execution for their feminine appeal.

carried out in linen, for there is no material smarter for real summer wear.

The afternoon frock, formal in its mien, will show a decided design of some sort—that is to say, the pattern will be clean-cut. Polka dots must have special mention, for they are seen in varied sizes, even in varied shapes, not always round. The "legal seal" dot is popular, and stars are included in the polka dot group. The luncheon-bridge-tee frock may use a flower pattern, its figures rather large.

Evening brings out the indeterminate pattern that makes use of dimmed shades of the season's colourings. Or the Pompadour patterns may be the choice, clusters or bouquets of flowers, best when they are in their natural size. Exquisite colours characterise these patterns, and the dinner and dance frock of chiffon shows a decided preference for such designs. This completes the entire day, done in printed form.

There is a distinct flair for the tennis frock, sleeveless and tailored. For this type of model there is nothing more appropriate than China or Shantung silk, although

NEW CHIC IS FOUND IN LITTLE THINGS

Important Accessories Are Shown in Summer Fads and Fancies. The Modernistic Influence Is Felt in Smart Details.



All phases of the mode may be matched in accessories of decided charm and individuality. From the tiny kerchief that must harmonize with its frock to the jewellery chosen for its becomingness as well as its chic, there are to be found little things of importance in the shops featuring summer accessories.

The modernistic note is emphasized particularly in the accompanying details of a smart appearance. Jewellery is unusually attractive in the new shapes and patterns while handbags and belts, fans and scarfs also show the trend towards a modernistic spirit in clothes as well as interior decorations.

The pocket book, now that it has definitely emerged from spring-time inconspicuousness, has become one of the gayest of the summer accessories. It is seen in all shapes and sizes and in all colours as well as all combination of colours. The envelope purse that may be held in the hand or tucked under the arm is very smart in the braided straws, rattans, kids, tweeds and piques that match the summer costumes so successfully. Embroidered patterns are very good in bright coloured posies or in the geometric figures that are modernistic in line. For the evening flat purses in black with monograms in golds are striking while the pouch bags in silks with bright embroidery are smartly shown. The jewelled bag, too, is seen with

its pattern worked in geometric patterns.

Belt and gloves, too, figure in the mode for unusual patterns. Slip-on gloves are worn. Their tops may show markings of bright colours. The belt, of course, shows tendencies along modernistic lines in its designs of blocks and cubes, triangles and discs. Colours and widths are a matter of individual choice.

Jewellery shows the most marked influence of the times. Costume jewellery is increasingly worn. The crystals in twisted effects make striking necklaces, as also does the triple strand necklace. Square cut crystals in choker necklaces and bracelets are strikingly worn in the summertime. Circles of silver metal that overlap each other are also smartly chosen for the daytime while the choker of small metal rondels in copper, silver and gold forms one of the most interesting of the daytime necklaces. Earrings in triangle design, in squares and cubistic patterns are smartly seen in crystal, too.

Molly O'Day, charmingly remembered in the First National film, "The Patent Leather Kid," wears semi-precious jewellery combinations of new tendencies. Her favourite pieces combine rhinestones with jet onyx rondels with crystal bracelets, necklaces and earrings and pearls and crystals, too are smartly combined in interesting patterns.

ly every texture has yielded to the craze for prints, and many of the sheer cottons are used for evening frocks. Dimity, voile and Georgette are instances.

Novelty cottons, broadcloths, the piques and shirting madras find many uses, there are crepes in printed and plain weaves, and there are the cloths that include rayon in their woven threads. Then there are the rayons, very like the silks, but less expensive, and they find an infinite number of uses in their various presentations.

The smartest fabric in the cotton group is linen, and it makes some charming ensembles, consisting of a simple, one-piece frock and a jacket or coat. Handkerchief linen is well liked, also the heavier weaves, and usually the frock depends wholly on plants and stitchery, with the addition of buttons and pipings or bandings, for its smartness. The jacket, short or in three-quarters length, is quilted, stitched or embroidered.

There seems to be special charm in white, ivory, beige and yellow, for the linen ensemble. When there is a printed design, it is done against one of these colours as a background, and there are some particularly striking patterns in red against a yellow or ivory background. Prints, blocked designs and embroideries are usually done in the strong shades.

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ROYALTY RECEIVES A DEGREE AT OXFORD.—H.R.H. the Duke of York received the honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law at Oxford University, when an enthusiastic crowd assembled to welcome him. Left to right:—H.R.H. the Duke of York in his robes, with the vice-Chancellor, Dr. Pember (All Souls' College) leaving after the ceremony.—(Sport and General).



GREAT ROYAL AIR FORCE DISPLAY AT HENDON, ON JUNE 30.—This display of air thrills is now regarded as one of the social functions of the season and was attended by the King and Queen and well-known personalities. Over 200 machines, from tiny Moth 'planes to giant bombers, took part. One of the principal events was a spectacular air battle. Here is a rehearsal at Kennedy Aerodrome, Surrey, for the great air spectacular fight with Siskin machines—experienced pilot v. Novice pilot. The photo was taken from the air, showing the end of the fight. The victorious Experienced Pilot's view of his victim (the Novice Pilot) dashing down headlong to the ground in flames at the tremendous speed of 200 miles per hour.—(Sport and General).



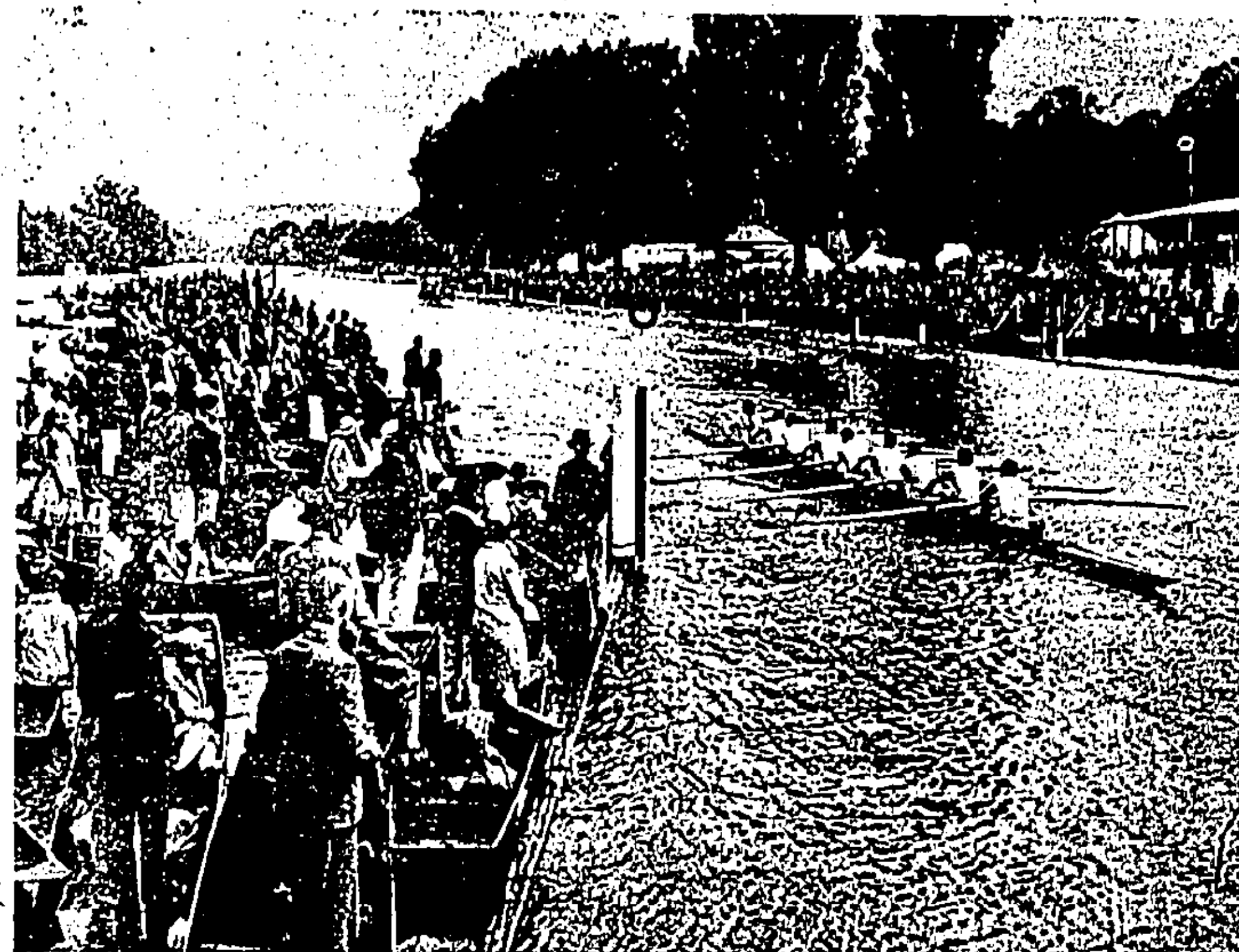
FOURTH ANNUAL INDIAN EMPIRE GARDEN PARTY AT RANELAGH.—Which was attended by their Majesties the King and Queen. On the right is the Maharajah of Kashmir, with Lady Birkenhead, wife of the Secretary of State for India.—(Sport and General).



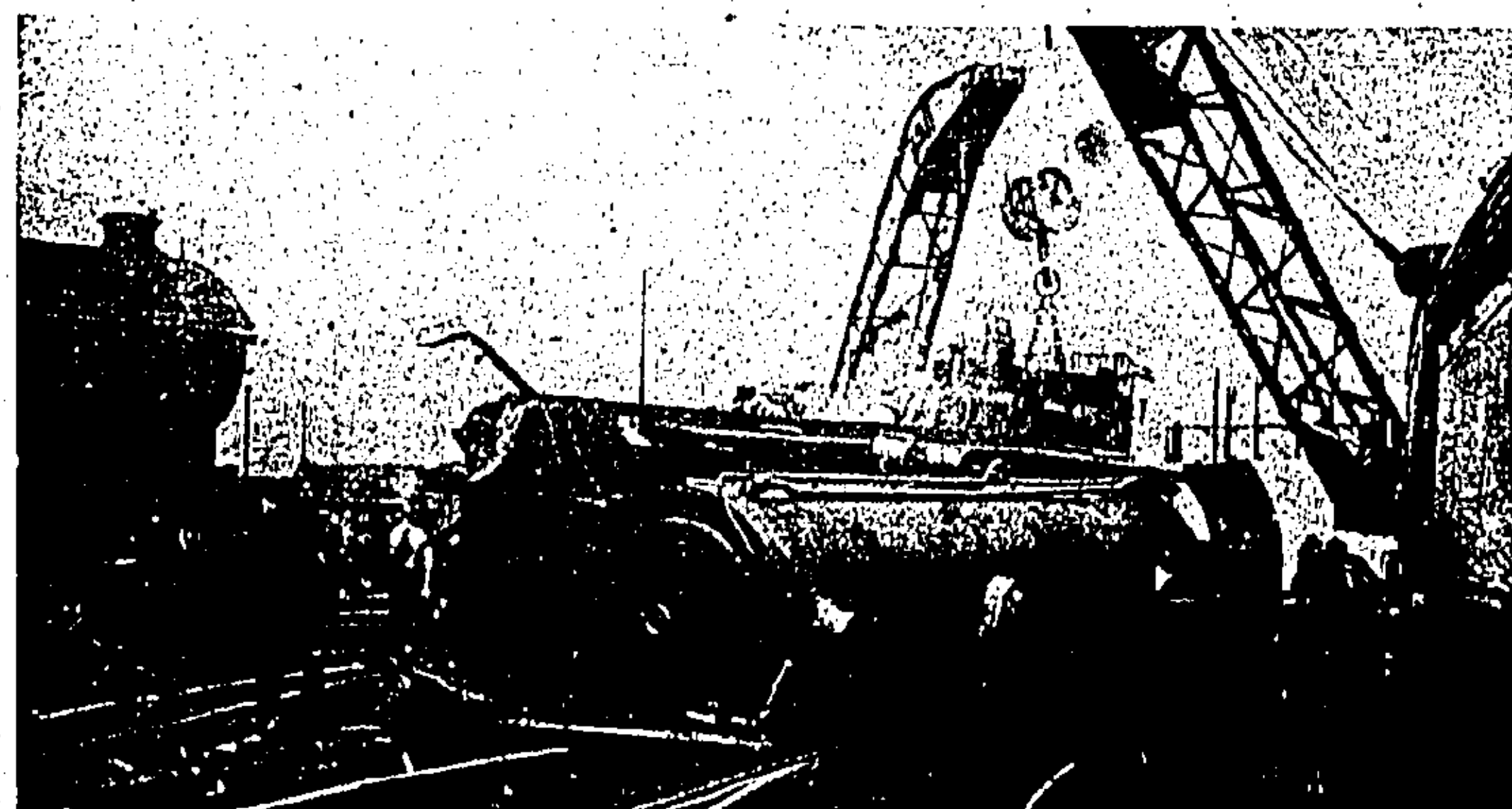
A FAMOUS LADY RIFLE SHOT.—Miss Blanche Badcock, who has twice fired for the King's Prize at the annual Imperial Meeting of the National Rifle Association at Bisley and has reached the second stage, firing at the small bore ranges on the opening day of this year's meeting—in which a team from China took part. The event for women is a new feature, being a special sporting rifle competition for women who have never won a prize with a service rifle or a miniature rifle at an N.R.A. meeting.—(Sport and General).



THE FOURTH ANNUAL INDIAN EMPIRE GARDEN PARTY IN AID OF CHARITY, held at the Ranelagh Club, London, was attended by H. M. the King and Queen and many Indian personages now visiting England. The latter in their picturesque native dresses made a gay note of colour amidst the throng. A polo match was played between a Royal Artillery team and a team from India, the former winning. Kunwari Gurbachan Singh, daughter of the Maharajah of Jind, and Miss Roy, daughter of Sir Canendro Roy.—(Sport and General).



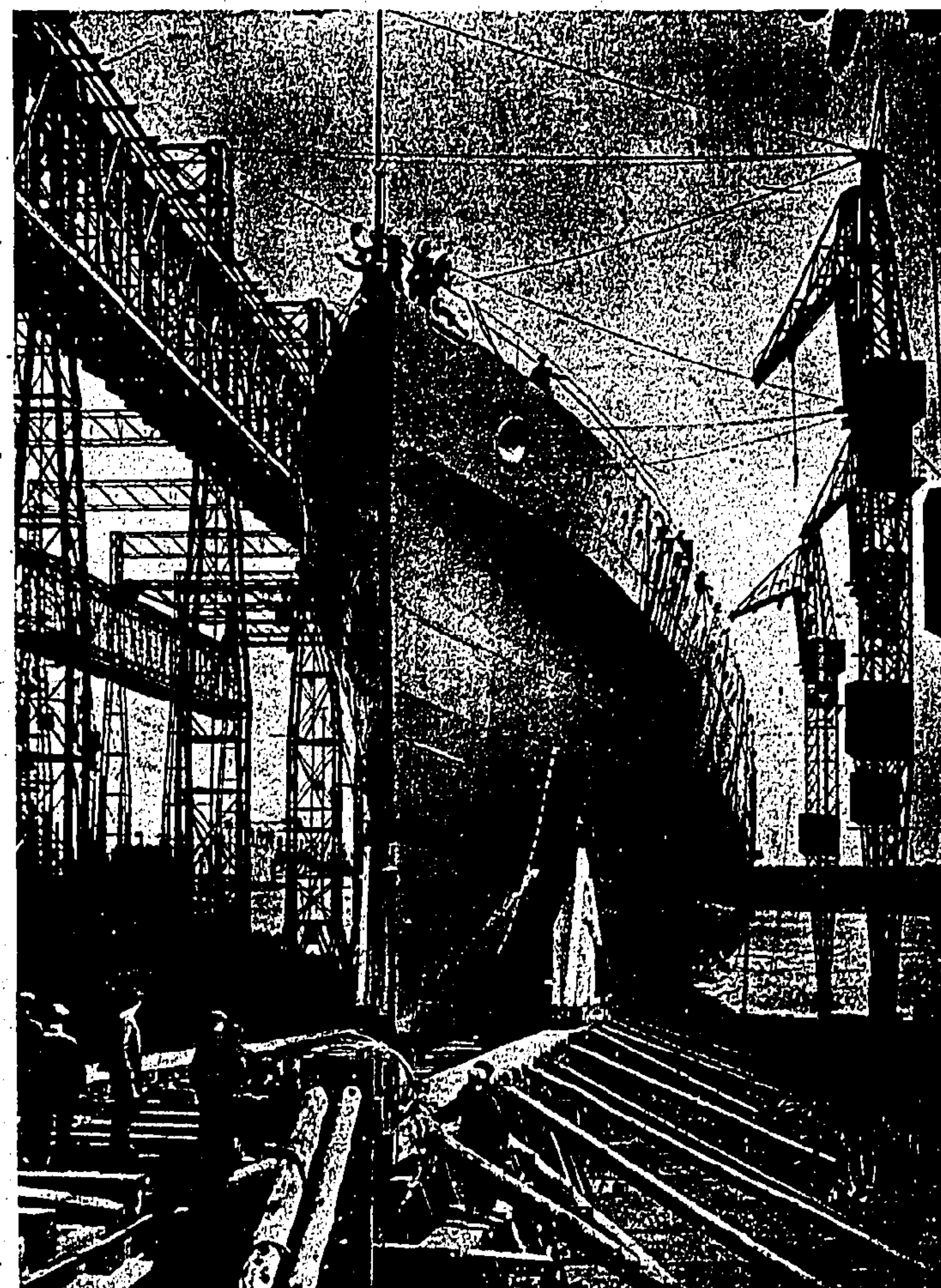
HENLEY ROYAL REGATTA, THE GREATEST SOCIAL FESTIVAL ON THE THAMES.—A brilliant assembly answered the call of the River for Henley Regatta, the placid Thames being transformed into a gay scene with belagued and floral-decorated houseboats, and pretty girls in punts with gay parasols. Competitors were very numerous, including many entries from abroad for the various rowing and sculling races, the chief events being the Grand Challenge Cup, the Stewards Cup and the Diamond Sculls. Here is a general view of the gay scene on the opening day, July 4, showing Thames Rowing Club beating Trinity College, Dublin, in the first race for the Thames Challenge Cup.—(Sport and General).



THE DARLINGTON TRAIN SMASH, THE WORST SINCE 1915.—The over-turned engine, which collided head-on with the Goods train.—(Sport and General).



DAME ELLEN TERRY.—One of the most recent portraits of the famous actress.



LAUNCHING OF THE NEW CRUISER, H.M.S. "SHROPSHIRE."—By the Countess of Powis at the shipyard of Messrs. Beardmore & Co., Dalmuir, Clydebank, on July 5. "Shropshire" is another 10,000 tons County Class cruiser, built under the Washington Treaty of 1925, with a speed of 32 knots, carrying eight 8 inch guns, and fitted for an aeroplane. "Berwick," "Cumberland" and "Suffolk" have arrived; "Kent" and "Cornwall" are on the way out. The above is a general view of "Shropshire" going down the slipway.—(Sport and General).



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POLICE CENSURED.

JUDGMENT IN KENNEDY-ROD APPEAL.

THE C.J.'s "HESITATION."

Conviction by Major C. Willson, O.B.E., Second Police Magistrate, of Chung Yu-fan, and sentence to one month's hard labour—without the option of a fine—were reversed by the judgment of the Full Court of Appeal given yesterday in what is known as the Kennedy-road indecent exposure case.

As indicated in yesterday's "China Mail," the judgment was of considerable length. Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E., K.C. (the Chief Justice) censured the Police for not adhering to regulations in carrying out the identification procedure. Because there was an element of doubt, his Lordship ruled that the Magistrate's decision must be reversed, but he did so with hesitation. His Lordship pointed to the fact that Major Willson did not have the opportunity of going into the case as fully as did the Appeal Court.

Mr. Justice P. Jacks (Puisne Judge), expressed concurrence in the judgment read by the Chief Justice.

Mr. R. E. Lindell (First Magistrate) was in Court, as were a number of other officials, some of the leading barristers, solicitors, etc.

"BEYOND DOUBT." The judgment was as follows:—

This is the re-hearing of a case in which Major Willson, Police Magistrate, convicted the appellant of having publicly exposed his person in Kennedy-road with intent to insult two ladies, and sentenced him to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

There was no dispute as to the offence charged having been committed on the occasion and at the place named in the charge, but it was strongly argued on behalf of the appellant that he had not been identified beyond reasonable doubt as the person who had, in fact, committed it.

The case for the prosecution was that on May 21, 1928, at about 7.30 p.m., two ladies, Mrs. Lea and Mrs. Leppard, were walking west along Kennedy-road to their houses in the Military Married Quarters and had almost reached the place where Macdonnell-road joins Kennedy-road, when they noticed a man on a motor-cycle riding down Macdonnell-road into Kennedy-road. He passed them going east but very shortly afterwards the ladies again heard the cycle and, looking back, they saw the rider dismount a few yards to the east of the junction of Kennedy and Macdonnell-roads and lean the cycle on some railings on the north side of the road opposite a house called "The Hermitage."

PUBLIC SPIRIT. The story is that this man passed them and went along a few yards until he came to a lamp on the south side of the road, stood on the opposite side of the road to the lamp, and there committed the offence charged; and the ladies passed him and had the opportunity of getting a clear view of him. But in the circumstances alleged, it is not surprising to learn that they did not look at him closely. And here I should like to observe that I consider that Mrs. Lea and Mrs. Leppard have shown great and commendable public spirit in coming forward to give evidence on a charge so disagreeable as the present.

Just after the ladies had passed the man, Mrs. Lea heard the voice of her little girl in the large compound in which her quarters are situated on the north side of Kennedy-road and, looking over the railings, saw her husband and called to him to come up. The compound is below the level of Kennedy-road and anyone desiring to get to the road must walk along a path and then mount some steps.

Immediately Mrs. Lea called to her husband, the man ran east along Kennedy-road and when Mr. Lea found the ladies, they walked to the spot where the cycle had been left. They stood a short time there and then noticed a man walking up Macdonnell-road, whom the ladies say was the man who had ridden the cycle and misconducted himself, but on Mr. Lea asking him whether the cycle was his, the latter said that it was not and disappeared up Macdonnell-road.

FOUR OPPORTUNITIES. The ladies had therefore an opportunity of seeing the man

(a) When he first passed them on his cycle going east along Kennedy-road.

(b) When he passed them on foot after leaning his cycle against the railings.

(c) While he stood opposite the lamp, and

(d) When they saw him going up Macdonnell-road and Mr. Lea asked him if the cycle was his.

Within two hours of the occurrence, Sub-Inspector Smith, Sergeant Flattery and Li Chau, a detective, appeared on the scene in consequence of a telephone message sent by Mr. Lea to the Central Police Station.

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ALLEGED FRAUD.

FURTHER PROCEEDINGS AT THE MAGISTRACY.

FRESH EVIDENCE.

Yesterday afternoon the hearing was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindell of the case in which Pok Chung-yuen is charged with alleged conspiracy with two other Chinese (now in jail) to defraud the banking department of the Wing On Co., Ltd., out of \$50,000.

The whole of the sitting was taken up by Mr. H. G. Sheldon (for the defence) cross-examining Chan Sam who had in the morning revealed some interesting details of the alleged conspiracy. When the Court rose at 4 p.m., the examination of this witness had not yet been completed.

In reply to Mr. Sheldon the witness said that at the time of the conspiracy he had only recently returned from Europe, arriving in Hong Kong in September 1925. At the time the witness was an Importer and Exporter of wood oil. He was doing business as a private individual. The business ceased in Hong Kong either in 1926 or 1927. He was now doing business in ore in Wuchow. The witness was unable to say if he actually did any business in wood oil locally in September 1925.

Replying to another question, the witness said that he also dealt in ore in 1925. The difference between his business then and now was that now he did not deal in wood oil. At the end of 1925, the witness proceeded, his business in Hong Kong was not flourishing, and he was not making money.

TRIP TO EUROPE.

Asked the reason for his trip to Europe, Chan Sam said that in the early part of 1925 he was employed with Messrs. Lyson and Co., and went to Europe in their behalf to try to secure agencies for them for the export of silk, tea and wood oil from Hong Kong, in exchange for such imports as hardware and machinery. Lyson and Company is no longer in existence. It closed down about two months after the witness' return from Europe. Lyson and Company's office used to be on the site of the present Exchange-building.

Asked to name the partners of the firm the witness said one was named Wong and another Lai. There were others, but he could not remember them. He also could not remember the names of Wong and Lai. Witness was 2 or 3 years with Lyson and Co., prior to its closing down, and was their chief secretary. He had not seen either Wong or Lai or any of the other partners of Lyson and Co., since he left the firm.

Questioned about Lam Fuk-chiu, one of the two men convicted of the conspiracy, the witness said that he first met Lam when he (witness) was working for the late Mr. Otto Kong Sing, Barrister. That was a considerable time ago. Witness rarely saw Lam.

Lam had no profession, his father was a rich man. The witness first met Lam at a Club, and after that saw him whenever he (witness) visited the Club. Lam claimed to be a man of substance and the witness had seen him gamble on a large scale and spend freely at the Club.

The witness had suspected even before the Wing On case came to light that Lam's money had not been come by honestly, as he knew for a fact that Lam had been in jail.

Mr. Sheldon: How long before the Wing On case did you suspect him?—Since the time when a title deed was stolen from the Land Office and he took it to Hastings' office to borrow money on it. That case was a long time ago, when Mr. Bowley was Crown Solicitor.

Mr. Sheldon then asked about Au Kim-lui, the other man who was convicted for the conspiracy.

The witness said that he first knew Au in 1925 after his return from Europe. They were introduced by the defendant, Pok Chung-yuen. Witness did not know what Au's profession was.

Mr. Sheldon: You had dealings and many meetings with him between the making of the claim at Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist's office and the Wing On case?—I saw him not more than three times and went to his house only once with the defendant. Au's house was in a terrace off Peel-street.

Asked if Au was a man of substance, witness said he would not like to give an opinion, but volunteered the statement that Au only occupied a cubicle in the house the witness visited. He added that it was impossible, however, to tell by appearance.

Answering further questions, the witness said that at that time he had no other business than the

(Continued on next Column.)

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE RED MILL" AT THE QUEEN'S.

LAUGHS AND THRILLS.

The elaborate screen version of the famous stage play, "The Red Mill," brings its season to a close at the Queen's Theatre to-day, when it will be screened at 2.30, 5.10 and 7.15 only. The story is a delightful blend of whimsical comedy with some gripping emotional drama. There is a touch of mystery in the weird scenes which take place in an old haunted mill. Several hundred people take part in a glittering winter festival, a huge lake being specially constructed and frozen over by artificial means in order to get the correct atmosphere. Marion Davies is the leading player and is excellently supported by Karl Dane, George Seigmann, Owen Moore and Louise Fazenda.

WORLD THEATRE.

The story of "Heaven on Earth," which will be screened for the last time to-day at the World Theatre, tells of the revolt of a youth against the conventions of home life. A passing band of gypsies brings to the boy the fulfilment of his life and he joins the troupe, meeting and falling in love with a beautiful gypsy maid. There follows an extremely entertaining tale of his love for the girl, played by Renee Adoree. Conrad Nagel is the hero.

STAR THEATRE.

Norma Shearer has the leading part as a cigarette girl in "After Midnight," which will have its final showings to-day at the Star Theatre. The story is unusual since it begins in comparative poverty and ends the same way. Lawrence Gray is seen as a thief who enters the girl's life, and, failing to rob her of money, steals her heart instead. The very simplicity of the story, together with the fine acting of the principals makes the production as one of Norma Shearer's best efforts to date.

Country Editor (to office boy): "Mr. Jones has called about some jokes he left here last week. Have you seen them?"

Office Boy: "No, sir. We read 'em but we couldn't see 'em."

Patient: "Doctor, does snuff-taking injure the brain?"

Doctor: "No."

Patient: But I have been informed that it does."

Doctor: "Nonsense! People with brains do not take snuff!"

wood oil business, but he was not hard up.

PIRATE MEANS.

Mr. Lindell: You had no money, and the business was losing, yet you were not hard up?—I had private means.

Asked by Mr. Sheldon what these means were, witness said he had house property in Stanley, his native village. These included some 40 or 50 houses left by his father, and besides, witness had cultivated land there. He collected between \$100 and \$200 per month as rent on the houses, and the revenue from the cultivated land was about \$120 per annum.

Mr. Sheldon: Were these all your sole property?—No, but I am the sole trustee, and as such I am entitled to all the rent.

The witness was unable to tell Mr. Sheldon what was the average rent per house as some were rented as cheaply as for 50 cents per month, whilst the rent of others was \$10. Pressed to fix his income on the rents alone, the witness put it at over \$160 per month.

He said that he still had the houses in Stanley, and was getting better rent on them now. His income on rents at the present time was about \$250.

Asked about the action which Au took against the Wing On Co., in which witness was asked to become Au's attorney, the witness said that the visit to Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist was made by Au, the defendant and himself. They saw Mr. Hugh Jones and had a discussion about cost. Leung Wing-cheong, an interpreter in the solicitor's office, mentioned a sum of money which the witness could not now remember.

Mr. Sheldon: Was it \$3,000?—I can't remember, but it was over \$1,000.

Was the money paid?—As far as I know no money was paid.

At this stage his Worship decided to adjourn, and fixed dates for further hearing of the case as follows:—

Next Tuesday at 11 a.m., and 2.15 p.m., Wednesday at 2.15 p.m., and Thursday at 11 a.m., and 2.15 p.m.

His Worship intimated that if necessary he would sit late on Tuesday and Thursday in an effort to finish the case within the three days.

Shadows Before
COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Red Mill," at 5.10 and 7.15 p.m.; Long Tack Sam and his company of wonder workers, 9.20 p.m.

To-day—Star Theatre; "After Midnight."

To-day—World Theatre; "Heaven on Earth."

Aug. 5-6—World Theatre; "California."

Aug. 5-6—Star Theatre; "Wild Horse Mesa."

Aug. 5-7—Queen's Theatre; "It" and "A Day's Pleasure."

Aug. 7-8—World Theatre; "The Boy Friend."

Aug. 7-8—Star Theatre; "Forbidden Paradise."

Aug. 8-11—Queen's Theatre; "Sadie Thompson."

Aug. 9-11—World Theatre; "Don Q."

Aug. 9-11—Star Theatre; "Fingerprints."

Aug. 17—Second Band Concert at H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters.

Sports.
To-day—First night fete of Victoria Recreation Club, 9 p.m.

Aug. 24—H.K.V.D.C.'s swimming gala at V.R.C. Bath, 9 p.m.

Miscellaneous.
To-day—St. Andrew's Y. M. Club bathing picnic at 4 p.m.

To-day—Kowloon Cricket Club Concert.

August 29—Second Moonlight picnic of St. Peter's Y. M. Club.

September 11, 12, 13—Grand Tattoo. Entries close on September 7.



Dr. C. C. Wu, former Nationalist Foreign Minister, who presented the Chinese national case in the Tainan incident to Washington. It is reported that he may be appointed Minister to the United States.



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POLICE CENSURED.

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They first of all went to the place where the cycle had been left and brought it to the steps leading down to the Leas' quarters, and then Smith and Flattery went down to the quarters, leaving Li Chau in charge of the cycle.

GAITERS OR OVERALLS.

According to Sergt. Flattery, the description then given by the two ladies, talking together, was that the man who committed the offence was "short and thick-set, looked like a Japanese and was wearing gaiters;" and on cross-examination, he definitely stated that this was the total of the description given by them. The two ladies used the word "gaiters," as did Sergt. Flattery, when they gave evidence before the Police Magistrate, but before this Court the ladies said that they did not mean gaiters in the ordinary meaning of the word, but mackintosh overalls, and Flattery said that he understood the two ladies, from the description they gave, to mean overalls. I can understand the mistake in the use of the word by the ladies, but it seems remarkable that though the Sergeant must know what gaiters really are, and says he understood from the ladies that they were in fact referring to overalls, that he should have persisted in the use of the word "gaiters" before the Police Magistrate.

DETAILS OF DRESS.

Mrs. Lea and Mrs. Leppard both say that they told Sergt. Flattery that the man was wearing a white shirt; but with this statement the Sergeant disagreed.

When Sub-Inspector Smith and Sergt. Flattery left the Leas' quarters and returned to the spot where they left Li Chau in charge of the cycle, they found defendant there. He claimed the bicycle as his, and was dressed in a fawn coloured palm beach coat, a khaki shirt and grey trousers; but Flattery says he had neither hat nor tie.

According to the evidence of Li Chau, defendant had come along Kennedy-road from the east and had claimed the cycle as his but had been told to await the arrival of the European officers. Li Chau also said that he had first seen defendant coming from the east when the latter was about 60 feet away.

It is to be observed that neither before the Police Magistrate nor in this Court was Li Chau asked any questions bearing on his statement that he had first seen defendant approaching the cycle from the east.

Defendant, when in the witness box, gave an explanation of this somewhat curious fact with which I will deal later; but it will be observed that the cycle had been left near the junction of Kennedy and Macdonnell-roads and the facts of the case would lead one to expect that the man who left the cycle there would have walked down Macdonnell-road when in search of the cycle.

IDENTIFICATION.

Next morning—the 22nd May, 1928—at about 11 a.m. there was an identification parade held by Assistant Superintendent Kent at which the two ladies distinctly say that they identified defendant, without hesitation, as the man who had committed the offence.

Assistant Superintendent Kent took down what Mrs. Lea and Mrs. Leppard said, in the presence and hearing of defendant when they identified the latter. Mrs. Lea is stated to have said "From the build and appearance of the suspect, he is the man. I did not see his face."

In cross-examination, Mrs. Lea said that by the words "build and appearance" she meant the same thing, i.e., that the man she saw committing the offence was thickset. She further admitted that there were on parade two or three other men who were also thickset; but she maintained that she recognised defendant as the offender.

Mrs. Leppard is recorded as having said "I think from the appearance and build that is the man. It was dark at the time and I could not see his face clearly."

NOT EMPHATIC.

When giving evidence before this Court she stated she could not exactly remember what she said at the parade, but that she must have said something similar to what is recorded. Before this Court she used a different form of words. She said "I saw the outline, appearance and features of the man and recognised him."

In cross-examination she said that by "outline" she meant "build," and that by "appearance" she also meant "build"; and that by "build" she meant that the offender was thickset. By "features" she said she meant face, nose and hair. She went on to explain that when the offender passed her twice on foot as has been described, she got a view of his side face, and that when he was opposite the lamp committing the offence she got a view of his full face; though, as she explained, this last view was not a very prolonged one in the circumstances.

Before us she expressed herself very emphatically as being in a position to recognise the offender if she had met him in the street; but the words taken down by Assistant Superintendent Kent are certainly not emphatic.

PROPER SAFEGUARDS.

It now becomes necessary to consider the circumstances under which this particular identification parade was held.

Identification parades necessarily play a large part in Police procedure, and, if held under proper safeguards, may, and do, furnish very valuable evidence.

But it is obvious that they are capable of inducing very serious miscarriages of justice. It is for that reason that certain rules have been laid down for the conduct of parades which ought, in our view, never to be departed from except for the most serious reasons.

For the purpose of recording what takes place on these parades special books are provided; and on the front page of each of them the rules are printed. This fact alone would be sufficient to show the importance attached by the Police authorities to compliance with these rules; but, in addition, with what might at first sight appear an excess of caution, there is a note printed at the bottom of each page of the book in the following terms: "For direction for holding identification parades see front of this book."

RULES VIOLATED.

Now it is argued on behalf of defendant that on the particular parade in question (in these proceedings the rules were violated in certain most important respects.

Rule 1 (c) requires that the accused to be placed among at least eight persons who are not to be Police, if possible.

There were only seven persons, including defendant, paraded. The explanation for this breach of the rules was, to say the least of it, not clear; while, though the other persons were not police officers, they were police clerks.

A Sub-Inspector Rozeksky stated that he had endeavoured to obtain persons from outside to help to form the parade but, as he quite reasonably explained, it is difficult to induce persons of the class of defendant to go to a police station for that purpose.

(b) The persons called in should be of similar age, height, general appearance and class of life as the defendant.

No complaint was made that the persons called in were not of similar age as the defendant; though, as regards height, it was stated that at least two of them were considerably taller than defendant.

Complaint was however made that the clothes defendant wore were such as to point him out as of a class different to the others. They were cotton coats and trousers, while defendant had on a fawn palm beach coat, striped shirt and collar, crystal buttons and white gardening trousers. It is at least unfortunate that more was not done to reduce the difference between defendant and the others caused by the clothes he was wearing. It would have been easy to provide him at least with a coat like the others.

Rule 1 (d) requires (A) that the witnesses should be called by some person who does not know and has not seen the accused; care being taken that the witnesses who have made the arrest should not be sent to call the witnesses.

This requirement seems to us to be of vital importance and should be strictly adhered to, both in the letter and in the spirit. The dangers that arise from a breach of it are obvious. Perhaps almost as serious consequence would arise from the destruction of public confidence in the scrupulous fairness which should be shown to prisoners that must occur, if it become known that this particular provision of the rules is ever departed from.

ESTIMATE AFFECTED.

Now the evidence before us is that A/Sub-Inspector Rozeksky, who was the officer in charge of the case and knew the defendant well and was present when Assistant Superintendent Kent lined the men up for the parade, went up to his office after the parade was formed and brought down first Mrs. Lea and then Mrs. Leppard, to the parade. He stood by while they were engaged in the identification of the defendant.

We consider that in thus personally conducting the ladies he committed a breach of the rules in a most serious particular which must affect our estimate as to the value of the identification which took place at this particular parade; and cannot help expressing our surprise that experienced police officers should have been parties to the proceeding.

(B) That the witnesses identifying an accused should touch him. This was not done on this occasion.

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CASE FOR DEFENCE.

The defendant gives a complete denial to the charge. He states that on May 21, 1928, he had his evening meal as usual with his father and some other relatives at the former's shop in No. 62, Bonham Strand west.

His Lordship pointed out parts of the defendant's evidence which was corroborated by his wife. It was obvious, he said, that if the defendant's story was believed he could not be the person who committed the offence as he was away from the scene between 7 p.m. and a little after 8.15 p.m. when the time of the offence, according to the prosecution, was 7.30 p.m.

The Crown argues that the witnesses are interested and should not be believed; and further that another very material piece of evidence given by them should also be disbelieved.

Defendant says that he went to his father's shop on the morning of May 21, 1928, dressed in a fawn coloured palm beach coat, a khaki shirt and grey trousers and wearing a white topee. His father confirms this statement and goes on to add that defendant was in the same clothes when the latter left the shop at about 6.30 p.m.

DEFENDANT DISBELIEVED.

Defendant's wife states that he was thus clad when she met him at the junction of Kennedy and Garden-roads at about 7 p.m., and that when he left the house at about 8.15 p.m. to get his cycle he was similarly clad. The stepmother corroborated this statement.

The prosecution argues that defendant had an opportunity of changing his clothes when he went home after leaving his father's shop, that he must have done so or he could not have been wearing the clothes which Mrs. Lea and Mrs. Leppard saw him in at 7.30 p.m. Also that the story of the defendant, his wife, and his stepmother in this respect is false and should not be accepted.

There is certainly a matter in which I do disbelieve the defendant which tends to make us doubt his story where it comes into conflict with the evidence offered on behalf of the Crown.

Defendant stated that after leaving No. 88, Robinson-road at 8.15 p.m. to retrieve his cycle he walked along until he came to the junction of Kennedy and Garden-roads and then proceeded east along the former. He says that he did not find his cycle where he had parked it by St. George's Hotel and walked on, looking neither to the left nor to the right; and not having found the cycle he turned back and then saw it on the North side of the road in a place where he could see the cycle very clearly because it was fairly light, being within eight feet of a lamp.

TRUTH NOT SATISFIED.

In my opinion this explanation was an afterthought. He had not appreciated the importance of Li Chau's evidence until it was brought out in the course of the hearing before us; and seeing the point that might be made against him he gives an explanation which, neither in its substance nor in its manner of giving it, has satisfied us of its truthfulness.

Another point which affects the defence is that the defendant did not tell his story when first taken to the Central Police Station.

He says that he felt the charge against him would go on, and he preferred to keep his story until he was before the Police Magistrate. It is undoubtedly the right of an accused person to do this, but I have more than once called attention to the great assistance it is to a defendant for him to be able to say that on the first opportunity he had, he gave an account which agrees substantially with that given at his trial.

The facts to which I have called attention show that there are serious elements in this case which have not been altogether satisfactorily met by the defence but it must always be remembered that the onus of proving the guilt of an accused beyond reasonable doubt is on the Crown.

BENEFIT OF DOUBT.

In the circumstances of this case I have come to the conclusion that I must differ from the decision given by the Police Magistrate but I differ with some hesitation.

It must be observed, however, that the case was not so fully gone into before him as it was in this Court. And in particular he did not have before him the detailed statement of what occurred at the identification parade, a matter which has seriously affected my view of the facts of the case. I have given the most careful consideration possible to those facts and have come to the conclusion that the onus which is upon the Crown of bringing home the charge beyond reasonable doubt has not been discharged and that I am bound to give the benefit of the doubt to the defendant.

The decision of the Police Magistrate must, therefore, be reversed, and the defendant discharged.

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Mr. Tolan went on to say that the room was very well furnished, and every success awaited the splendid venture of those responsible. Some day perhaps another additional parlour may be added, thus affording greater facilities for all.

"To-night I will ask all to drink to the success of the new billiard room. The table must be properly opened so I'll ask Mrs. Oxberry to open it."

Toasts were then drunk by all present as Mrs. Oxberry played off the first ball.

A fair attendance saw a one-sided exhibition game of 500 up, between the champion of the Colony, Mr. J. Osmund and Mr. C. Earnshaw.

Both players went off level, but Earnshaw could not keep up with the Colony's champion. For the first 100 scores were fairly even, then Earnshaw fell away. In the later stages, Osmund made several breaks of more than 40, his best being 58 to finish the game, with prolonged play of the red. The final score was Osmund 502, Earnshaw 246.

IN THE RING.

THE HOOD FIGHT AND OPEN-AIR BOXING.

[By Eugene Corri.]

Although the fight between Hood and Mancini was, from every point of view, an unqualified success, it has not been proved that open-air fighting in this country can be made a definite paying proposition. There must always be the weather difficulty, and the fact that those with a liking for boxing expect to be in close touch with the ring and the performers.

I fear that there must have been quite a few people at Perry Bar who could not properly appreciate what really happened during the bout, for the reason that they were too far removed from the scene of action. If there was any certainty that the weather would be reasonably consistent, perhaps open-air fighting would become almost as much of a vogue here as it is in the States, and would well repay promoters if the right kind of matches were made and moderate prices charged. However, the chances are that there will be staged more fights at Birmingham, and that similar ventures will become fairly common in other centres.

And now about the actual fight. The victory of Hood I expected. I held the view that he had not seen Hood really extended and that he was so keen on retaining the Lonsdale Belt that he was certain to put up a great show. It was always in favour of Hood that he has a truly magnificent defence, and was the least likely man to go down under the two-handed raids of Mancini.

The failure of Hood to win except on points is being held against him. I will have it that he did enough to prove that, so far as British welters are concerned, he is in a class by himself. There is none other so good. To beat Mancini by such a liberal margin as he did leaves no doubt as to his capacity. You may take it from me that there have been worse boxers than Mancini who have become champions. The London-Italian is a most difficult man to overcome. He is not only dead "game," but is a very hard man to hit, and, besides, he can punch to some tune. I think he put more weight into his blows than did Hood.

HOOD'S MASTERLY DEFENCE.
But at Perry Bar he did not have more than a couple of opportunities to employ his best blows, so excellently arranged was the defence of Hood. Mancini had made up his mind that the only way he could win was by getting the inside position, and hammering at the body for all he was worth. But Hood, often in a masterly manner, denied him all but a few chances of playing what was his long suit. The champion was hit, and hit hard, more than once about the body, but there was not a time when Hood was made to feel really apprehensive about the result.

I think it will be agreed that Hood has about the most useful left hand a boxer could possess, and that he is an adept in the employment of it. There might be more finger behind it, but he makes it a

wonderful weapon. It was altogether too much for Mancini. If that right of Hood's was comparable to his left, I should range myself alongside those who predict a world's title for him. But it isn't, and that is the snag, for the present at least.

However, I have only the heartiest congratulations for Hood. What will be his next move? I do not know. It should be his intention to keep busy. Perhaps there is not a deal for him to do at home or anywhere else for the time being, for these are quiet days.

But if I were he, I should avail myself of any opportunity to keep my eye in that might present itself. I have a notion that he might come out with a challenge to the winner of the Len Harvey-Milligan bout, but I think he would be ill-advised if he were to go after the middles.

Mancini is faced with a poser. He is a natural welter, and so long as Hood remains in that class he must be content to play second fiddle. However, he did very well out of the Birmingham affair. If my information is correct, he got little short of, if not more than, \$1,000 for his end. How some of the old timers' mouths must water! I am wondering whether Owen Moran, who was second-in-chief, to Hood, ever got as much money for a single contest. I doubt it—at least not in this country—and Moran was one of the greatest fighters we have yet produced.

Among the gathering of the clans were many famous fighters of other days—Jimmy Wilde, for one—and there was also Phil Scott. I see that Scott has lodged a formal application to fight either Tunney or Heeney. That's the ticket, Scott. Keep right in the limelight, and, whatever fight comes along, grab it. For goodness sake, do not keep idle for longer than you can help. I should say that there will be some work for Scott on the other side in the early autumn. There is sure to be something doing immediately after Tunney and Heeney have had their fight—which fight, if Scott sees it, should be most instructive.

IS DEMPSEY FINISHED?

We have it on the authority of Robert Edgren, who for many years has been my friend, and who is about the most reliable writer on boxing and boxers in America, that Dempsey will never fight again—not for half a million dollars. There are many on the other side, however, who will not shed the notion that Dempsey may come back, whatever the old champion says to the contrary.

I am thinking that Dempsey has really and definitely packed up. Dempsey is in the happy position when he can turn down even half a million dollars. If his wealth were known, I believe we should be staggered. Dempsey, not even now, when he has a weakness for going into society, is no reckless spender. He has only altered in the sense that he keeps up a big establishment.

He certainly has not got off the rails, like so many of his predecessors have done. He has stuck to most of the money that has come his way, and I am told that he has invested it wisely. He confesses that the ring has been very kind to him. It has, indeed, been one of the fortunate ones. Still, so long as he was of the game he gave us much to talk and write about. He will go into history as a really great fighter. Up to and including his contest with Firpo, he was a wonder, and I do believe that had he not been involved in so many legal troubles, he would still have been champion.

Dempsey never got over his break with Kearns and its attendant worries. When a fighter gets in the hands of lawyers he almost invariably begins to go down the hill. When you are fighting you must think and live only for fighting. You cannot afford any distractions. I see that Emile Fladner is contemplating a trip to America, there to fight Schwartz for the flyweight championship. The news may possibly stir our Johnny Hill into action.—Sports Despatch.

PING PONG.

WAH YAN OLD BOYS IN CANTON.

The ping-pong team of the Wah Yan Old Boys' Association is now on a visit to Canton, having arrived there on Tuesday. A member, writing from Canton yesterday, says that this team has played two friendly matches against the Canton Christian Association and the Po Yik Association and have won both. The team is as follows: Ng Tai-fong (Colony's champion); Ng Tin-fong; Cheng Sam-chuen; Wong Mo-ping; Chan Ying-ting; Tsan Ying-fook; Ma Wing-hong; Lai Pui-lam; Kwan Yim-choi; and Au Yung-chung.

BOWLS.

OUR CONTRIBUTOR IN A HURRY.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

Our bowls correspondent, "Blas" apparently in his endeavour to see the open championships decided while the good weather lasts, yesterday advanced some of the participants to stages in the competition which had not then been attained. "Blas" said that Gibson of the K.C.C., after accounting for Hill, beat Hogbin. When the notes appeared, however, Messrs. Gibson and Hill had not played their match. It took place later in the evening, as a matter of fact, though the result was as stated by our correspondent. Mr. Gibson, however, has yet to meet Mr. Hogbin in the open championship. These players were concerned in another competition recently, and this fact, probably led to the little misunderstanding on the part of our contributor.

BASEBALL.

GAMES FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

The Hong Kong Baseball Club's line-up for to-day versus South China "Dragons" is:—
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5.—50 Yards Team Race for Members.
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"But we persuaded an optimistic woman to trust to us for a week's rent, and while we were smoking our last cigarettes, Wilmington said to me, 'This town is full of niggers as a bee is full of buzz.'

ONLY ONE AMBITION.
"Yes," I said, "and they have one ambition in life."

"What's that?" said Wilmington.

"To be as white as you and me," I said.

"We will start making them white to-morrow," replied Wilmington.

"I never argued with him, and when, the next morning, he borrowed some money from the optimistic woman and bought quantities of camphorated chalk and salts from the nearest chemist, I made no comment.

"He also bought a lot of white paper and we spent the rest of the morning mixing the chalk with the salts and wrapping up small portions in little packets.

"Then we filled a bag with the packets and went out to make black men white.

"I shall never know to this day how Wilmington found Wilmington Lincoln Jones.

"Washington Lincoln Jones was an albino negro with thick lips, flat nose and a complexion the colour of dirty dough.

"Wilmington spoke to him for a few minutes, and he followed us, lamb-like, to a square in the centre of the town.

"It was my job to attract the crowd first with card tricks, and when I had a score of niggers interested in a simple palming trick, Wilmington calmly borrowed a cart as a platform and began to speak.

"He had a marvellous, deep-toned voice and the gift of oratory. He was also tall and handsome, with golden hair, engaging blue eyes, and a clear white skin.

"Citizens of America," he began, "my dear black brethren."

"They turned away from my card tricks and looked at him."

THE REAL DIFFERENCE.

"What," asked Wilmington, "is the difference between you and me? What is it that deprives you of equal citizenship in this great republic? What is it that, however, capable you may be, will prevent any one of you from becoming President of the United States?"

"By this time they were edging nearer and a lot more niggers came up.

"Then I listened to Wilmington tell them about his father, the great chemist, who had discovered the secret of making black men white. He told them that his father had spent his life working for God's coloured creatures, and had left his secret in the hands of his only son, begging him to carry on the work in the cause of black humanity.

"He talked to them till they wept. He said that in the Great Creator's scheme the black man was given a black skin in order to resist the fierce white rays of the African sun, but since negroes had come to America, through no fault of their own, their black skin was no longer needed.

"Then he asked them to look at Washington Lincoln Jones, 'made white by his father's marvellous remedy.'

"They looked at Washington Lincoln Jones, and they were soon fighting for the little white packets at twelve dollars each.

"To each purchaser Wilmington said, 'Take a pinch of this powder three times a day on the tip of your tongue for three months.'

"That will lay the foundation of the great cure. At the end of three months I will return and sell you another packet. And at the end of six months you will be as white as I am."

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"It was unfortunate for him that it was just six months after Wilmington had sold the first bleaching powders there, and that all the purchasers were still as black as a bunch of bowler hats.

"He was almost lynched, and was rescued only just in time by the police.

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A microphone and head 'phones have been installed in the rostrum of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Northampton.

Mr. A. Belby, one of the recent Cambridge wranglers, is the son of a Yorkshire village constable.

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LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.

Paris 124 1/2

New York 4.85 7/16

Brussels 34.90

Geneva 25.22

Amsterdam 12.09 1/4

Milan 92.80

Berlin 20.35

Stockholm 18.15

Copenhagen 18.19

Oslo 18.19

Vienna 34.425

Prague 163 1/4

Helsingfors 193 1/4

Madrid 29.62

Lisbon 2 7/32

Athens 37 1/2

Bucharest 79 1/4

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Buenos Aires 47 7/16

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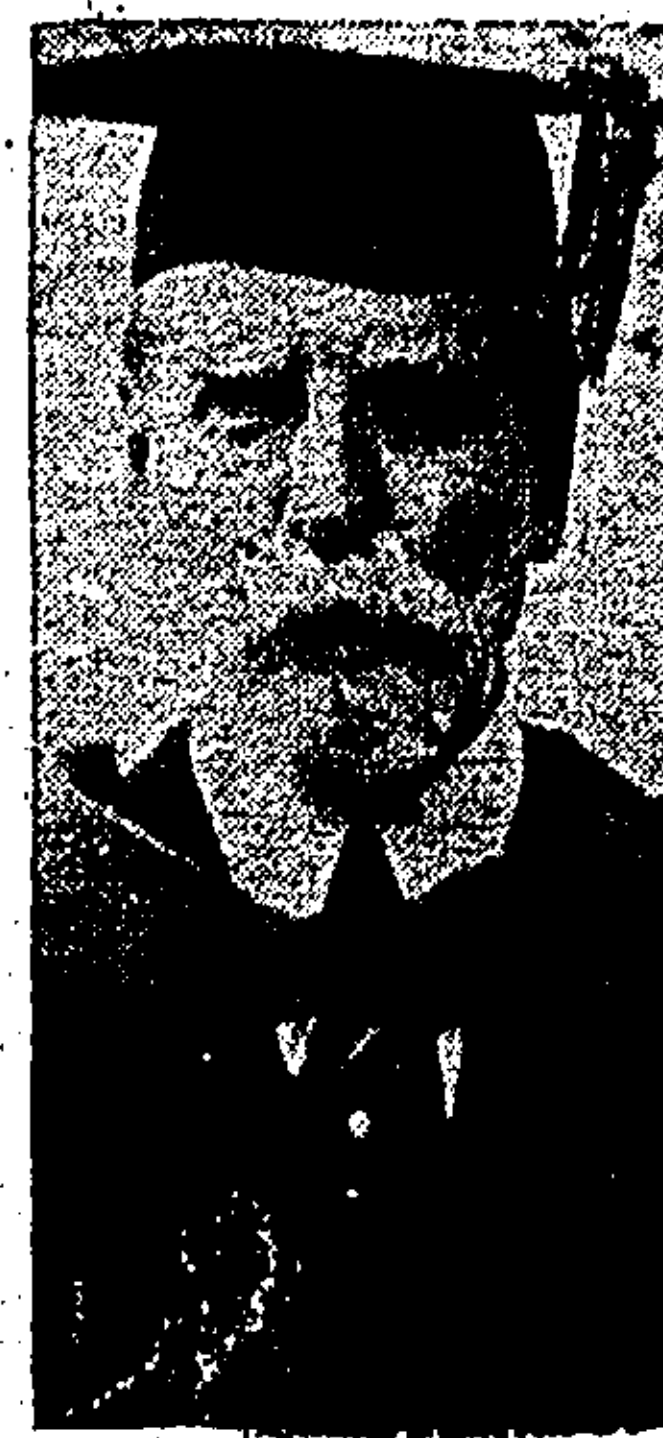
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Yokohama 1/10 5/16

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Charles Evans Hughes, former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, former Secretary of State and President of the recent Pan-American Conference, who has been presented the degree of LL.D. by the Pennsylvania Military Academy.



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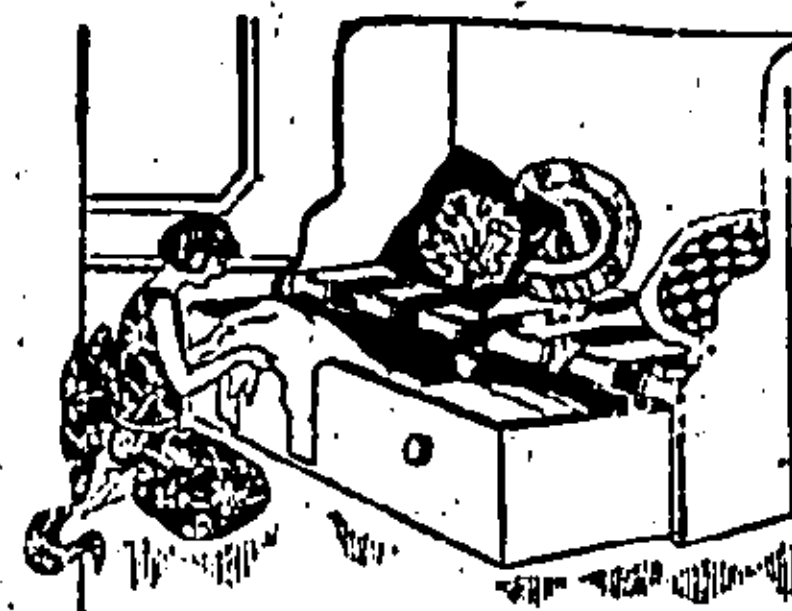


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THREE OF THE NEW NOVELS.

"Will o' the Wisp." By Patricia
Wentworth (Hodder & Stough-
ton.)

The charming mystery writer
who gave us "Anne Belinda," "The
Black Cabinet" and the "Amazing
Chance" to mention but a few of
her excellent mystery stories, gives
us a very readable story of "Feu
Follet"—Will o' the Wisp or
"Folly" who by virtue of her striking
personality "makes the
family sit up." She married David
and he saved her from many a
scrape. I won't give the story
away entirely, but if you have an
hour or so "at a loose end" you
can find a very pleasant time in
reading of the adventures of Will
o' the Wisp.

"The Thorn Bush." By Richmal
Crompton. (Hodder & Stough-
ton.)

Sympathetic and keenly human
is this further biography of the
Wilding family, introducing yet a
third generation. Old Mrs. Wild-
ing, able and imposing, is still head
of the family. The beautiful, im-
petuous Hero, her daughter-in-law
makes one more attempt to escape
to the gay life that calls her. But
through her little son Chirp, and
her love for him, the family has
caught her. And the third genera-
tion too, finds itself bound by the
family. The family is too strong
for them all—it holds them and
keeps them. In these days when
family ties are being held lightly
it is a story to make one think for
the family wins in the end.

"The Eye in Attendance." By
Valentine Williams. (Hodder
& Stoughton.)

Dedicated to Walter Harte John-
son, of the Royal Thames Yacht
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the very fascinating story "The
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others, gives us a murder story with
more than usual sensation and in-
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place? How was the body moved?
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questions that arise in the readers'
mind. A fleeing criminal, an ab-
ducted maiden, motor patrols in
the Solent, hydroplanes and re-
volver shots are parts of the thrills
offered in this very fascinating
yarn.

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OURSELVES.

"The Wonders of the Human
Body." By Margaret A.
Shuttleworth. (University of
London Press, Ltd.)

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most schools it is essential that we
should have some well written text
books on the subject. Margaret
Shuttleworth's book answers that
need. It is written simply, in lan-
guage that a child can readily un-
derstand. It contains some very
good chapters on Respiration,
Movement and Exercise, The Cir-
culatory system, etc., and it is a
book which might well be in-
cluded in the list of text books of all
schools and institutions. Indeed
there is much to interest adults,
for, how many of us know much
(if anything) about the skeleton,
that wonderful structure, the most
perfect piece of mechanism on
earth? We have an accident,
break a bone, and for the first
time realise its existence. And it
is only during the long hours when
we are laid up waiting for it to
heal that we wonder about it at
all, and understand the part that
it plays in perfecting the smooth
running of the whole. There is
much to be learned from this book,
and it should find good favour
with teachers and parents.

—C.

FOR LITTLE ONES.

"More Stories and How to Tell
Them." By Elizabeth Clark.
(University of London Press,
Ltd.)

Again this clever author has
given us an interesting as well as
a helpful book. It comes as an
answer to the insistent little
voices which demand "tell me a
story!" And also to the problem,
how to tell the story.

It is a well written book, daintily
illustrated with little pen and
ink sketches by Nina K. Brislley.
The stories are all founded on old
legends of accredited history, and
would prove popular with the little
ones. The advice contained in the
introduction is indeed helpful, and
will earn the gratitude of many a
"grown-up" who finds difficulty in
telling tales to children. It is
just the book for rainy days, con-
taining the kind of stories that
children never tire of hearing.

—C.

TRAFFIC IN WOMEN.

"Human Merchandise." By H.
Wilson Harris. (Benn, 5s.).
"The Road to Buenos Aires."
By Albert Londres. (Con-
stable, 7s. 6d.)

The purpose of Mr. Harris's
book is (says the "Observer") to
summarise and discuss the remark-
able report lately published by the
League of Nations. Two points
stand out. First, the traffic in
women is only possible if there are
"souteneurs" to organise and finance
the "goods." It follows that in
such countries as Britain, where
the law deals strictly with men liv-
ing on the immoral earnings of
women, the traffic cannot establish
itself—a view which unhappily is
not supported by M. Londres' first-
hand evidence—and that the grow-
ing tendency of European States
to abolish the licence system is
further restricting it in the old
world. Secondly, nothing but in-
ternational action can suppress it
altogether. Poland, for instance,
is an important exporting country.
The Polish Government does it
best, but a woman can travel from
Poland to Danzig without difficulty.
Thence she takes a motor-bus into
East Prussia, where, as a passen-
ger in transit for South America
via Hamburg, she is of no particu-
lar concern to the German au-
thorities. Similarly the capitula-
tions make Egypt a "souteneurs"
paradise, and women are regularly
exported to meet the seasonal de-
mands of tourists.

The central chapters of the book
deal with the conditions prevailing
in the twenty-eight countries in-
vestigated by the League. The in-
vestigators did their work well.
By pretending to be engaged in the
traffic themselves they got into
touch with the persons actually
running it. They were thus able
to prove its international character
and at the same time to discover
how far the repressive measures
taken by the various governments
were really effective. The frank
language of "souteneurs" talking to
assumed colleagues is, of course,
decisive evidence, and it is sur-
prising that the French Government
should have questioned it on the
ground that the word of persons
of notoriously bad character was
preferred to official statements.
The point is, of course, that the bad
characters are talking of what they
know, and the French objection has
all the less weight because France
is shown to be the principal ex-
porting country.

As to the importing centres, the
inquiry confirms the view com-
monly held that Buenos Aires and Rio
are pre-eminent. Information on
the previous characters of the
women dealt with by the traffic is
naturally hard to obtain, and still
harder to verify and on this point
Mr. Harris's book is not very lucid.
But here M. Londres takes up the
tale. His book is just what it sets
out to be—a piece of descriptive
reporting, but a most remarkable
example of its kind. M. Londres
has a flair for the underworld.
He knows how to make his people
talk, and how to put down what

he hears in the atmosphere in
which it is spoken. The White
Slave traffic is indeed a branch of
business, and M. Londres has re-
produced the peculiar jargon of
those engaged in it, adding now
and again a comment which cuts
like a lash. Mr. Eric Sattion,
whose translation is of unusual
quality, is specially to be con-
gratulated on his rendering of
these stinging French sentences.
The reports of talks, both with
"souteneurs" and with women,
make it clear that the French pro-
stitutes come mainly from the
French streets, while the Jewesses
are sold by their parents from
Polish ghettos. In four cases out
of five poverty is the stimulus.
The licence system of Buenos Aires
does the rest.

GEORGE TREVELYAN ON GARIBALDI.

"Garibaldi's Defence of the
Roman Republic," "Garibaldi
and the Thousand," "Garibaldi
and the Making of Italy."
(Longmans, 6s. each.)

[By Luigi Villari.]

Professor George Trevelyan's
three volumes on the Garibaldi epic
are now deservedly recognised as
classical works which no student
of the Risorgimento can afford to
ignore. Indeed, there is no such
complete study of Garibaldi's cam-
paign even in Italian, in which lan-
guage a vast literature on Garibaldi
has been published, including many
excellent essays. In addition to
their inestimable value as an ac-
curate record of the period, these
volumes are written in a style
which can only be described, to use
a hackneyed expression, as fascinat-
ating. One has but to glance at a
page casually, even if one is al-
ready familiar with the work, to
be unable to stop reading. One's
only doubt in reading Trevelyan on
Garibaldi is which of the three
volumes is the best. One always
feels that the one which one hap-
pens to be reading at the moment
must be the best, because the
others could not possibly be as
good! The publishers are greatly
to be congratulated for their en-
terprise in issuing a cheap reprint
of the volumes, and in thus mak-
ing this wonderful story accessible
to an ever wider public. But al-
though the edition is cheap, it is
admirably produced and provided
with the same useful maps and il-
lustrations as the original edition.

In the first volume ("Garibaldi's
Defence of the Roman Republic")
we are told the astounding story of
the defence of Rome in 1849 by a
band of ill-organised and ill-equip-
ped but heroic volunteers against
the overwhelming forces of the
highly-disciplined French army,
and then of the retreat to Ravenna.
"Garibaldi and the Thousand" de-
scribes the expedition to Sicily,
which overcame the insuperable ob-
stacles to the unity of Italy, arising
after the unfinished campaign
of 1859. The third volume ("Gar-
ibaldi and the Making of Italy")
covers Garibaldi's march from the
Strait of Messina through the
mainland territories of the Bour-
bon Kingdom, ending up with the
battle of the Volturno. Professor
Trevelyan stops here, although it
was not the end of Garibaldi's
career. He evidently believes that
the victory on the Volturno, follow-
ed by Garibaldi's magnanimous re-
nunciation of power and his return
to Capri for the good of Italy,
marked the last stage of the epic
period of the hero's life. The As-
promonte and Mentana campaigns
were not satisfactory episodes and
indicated a decline of Garibaldi's
powers and his increasing subjec-
tion to the influence of his less re-
liable followers. The quixotic ex-
pedition to Dijon was the last beat
of the warrior's generous heart, for
he then, unlike Mazzini, forgot and
forgave France for her action in
1849 and rushed to her aid in the
hour of her dire need, incidentally
inflicting on the Prussians their
only defeat in the war of 1870-71.
But it was only a flash; Garibaldi
the giant ceased to be after 1861,
although perhaps the campaign of

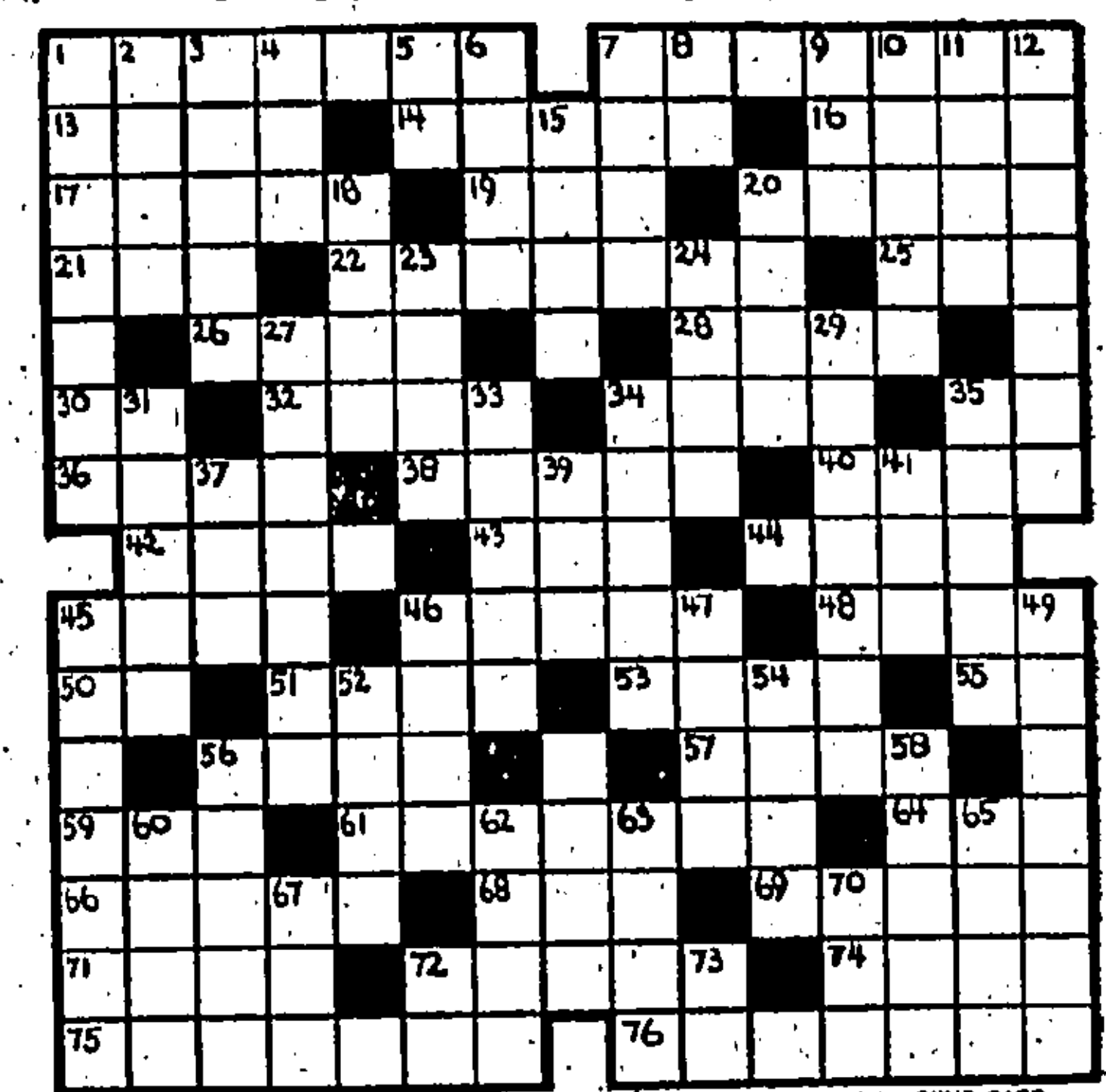
1866 in the Trentino might have
been included.

The chief merit of these volumes
is that Professor Trevelyan has
placed Garibaldi in his true per-
spective. While he is throughout
an enthusiastic admirer of the
"Hero of the Two Worlds" for his
really magnificent qualities, he is
not blind to his faults, especially
to his occasional lack of discern-
ment in selecting his advisers, not
all of whom proved worthy of his
trust, and he never fails to do jus-
tice to the other great men who
collaborated in the task of creat-
ing united Italy. As a rule, Garib-
aldian, Mazzinian, and democratic
writers tend to deny, or greatly at-
tenuate, the invaluable services
of Cavour, the King, and the gen-
erals of the regular army, whereas
Royalist or Moderate writers at-
tribute too little importance to the
achievements of Garibaldi and his
volunteers. Professor Trevelyan
is always impartial, and attributes
to each one the merit which is his
due. This attitude is particularly
conspicuous in his treatment of
Cavour's policy towards the ex-
pedition to Sicily, which many too
ardent Garibaldians have frequent-
ly misrepresented; the author
shows his appreciation of the very
real difficulties which Cavour and
the King had to overcome in order
to assist the Thousand without ap-
pearing to commit a breach of in-
ternational propriety or offend
Victor Emmanuel's powerful and
indispensable, but ever vacillating
friend, the Emperor Napoleon.

Another of Professor Trevelyan's
most valuable contributions to his-
tory is his adequate estimate of
Garibaldi's military genius. Most
historians regard Garibaldi as a
great national hero and patriot, a

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



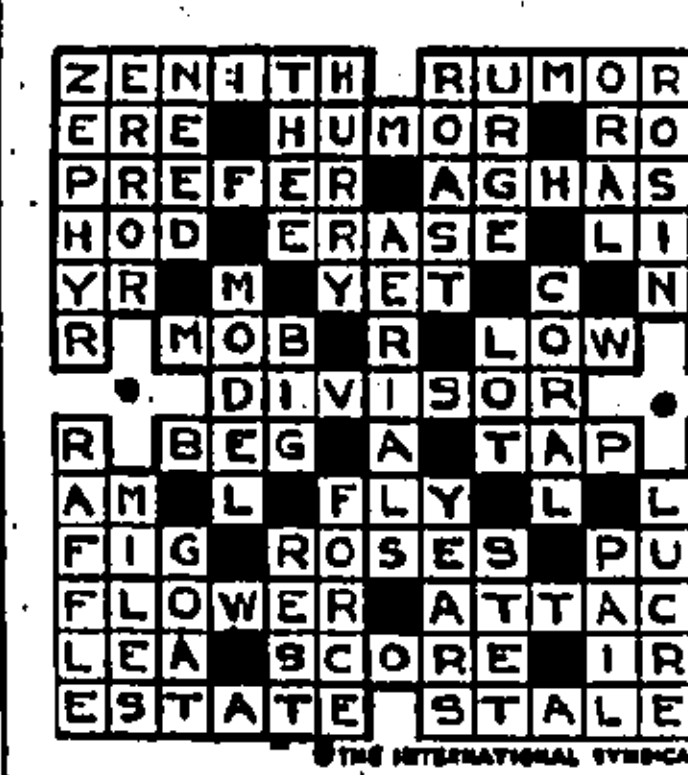
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|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-Bloom | 66-Pierce | 18-Forrest product |
| 7-A body of official | 67-Bane | 20-Heavenly body |
| advisers | 68-Digit | 22-Kind of cheese |
| 13-Wash | 69-Member of an | 24-Affirm |
| 14-Famous Roman ruin | ancient military | 27-Gilt |
| order | 64-Fresh | 28-Worldly |
| 15-A loud noise | 65-Wrongs | 31-Laborator |
| 17-Occurrence | 66-Flaw metal | 33-Partially to the |
| 18-Blade for rowing | 69-Practice | Eternal City |
| 20-24 years of | 71-Dispatched | 34-Equine quadruped |
| 21-Isle near England | 72-Aviator | 35-Back tooth |
| 22-Fall back | 73-Part of a church | 37-Measure of length |
| 23-Century (abbr.) | 74-Railroad bridge | 39-Light blow |
| 25-Hastened | 75-Plant growing in the | 41-Shattered side |
| 26-Urn-like vessel | sea | 45-Competition |
| 28-Thus | | 46-Globular |
| 32-Stern | VERTICAL | 47-Island near Italy |
| 34-At this place | 1-Imperfection | 48-Spoke slowly |
| 35-Myself | 2-Volcanic discharge | 52-A cereal (pl.) |
| 36-Rent | 3-Place for baking | 54-Oil of hog's fat |
| 38-Automobile | (pl.) | 56-French river |
| 40-Lump of earth | 4-Senate (abbr.) | 58-Bird |
| 42-To forfeit | 5-From | 60-Above |
| 43-Disfigure | 6-Open for discussion | 62-Jetty |
| 44-Combat of two | 7-Heal | 63-Otherwise |
| persons | 8-Part of verb "to be" | 67-Lieutenants (abbr.) |
| 45-Transfer | 9-Indignation | 70-Crude |
| 46-To become void | 10-Present time | 72-Flinders (abbr.) |
| 48-Guide | 11-Comfort | 73-Concerning |
| 50-Conjunction | 12-Inclined | |
| 51-Mid-day | 13-Unusual | |
| 53-Girl's name | | |
| 55-Railroad (abbr.) | | |

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure.
These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn
will still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the
numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will
appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word
puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



born leader of men, and an admir-
able guerilla chief, but not as a
general of the first rank, simply
because he never had occasion to
command large armies. Professor
Trevelyan, however, showed, al-
most for the first time (except for
the works of a few technical writ-
ers), how great were Garibaldi's
qualities as a strategist. He has
been able to prove his case not only
by an exhaustive study of all the
published and unpublished sources
and by questioning such of the
actors of the drama as still sur-
vived, but also by following the
route of Garibaldi's armies on foot,
from Rome to Ravenna, from Mar-
sala to Messina, from Reggio to
the Volturno. The defence of
Rome was not merely a heroic
episode; it was an admirable
strategic action, and the same may
be said of the retreat northwards,
when Garibaldi succeeded in evad-
ing four hostile armies converging
on his tiny force. Similar military
qualities of the first order were
also displayed later in the Sicilian
campaign, especially at the moment
of entering Palermo, and at the
battle of the Volturno where
he defeated enemy forces superior
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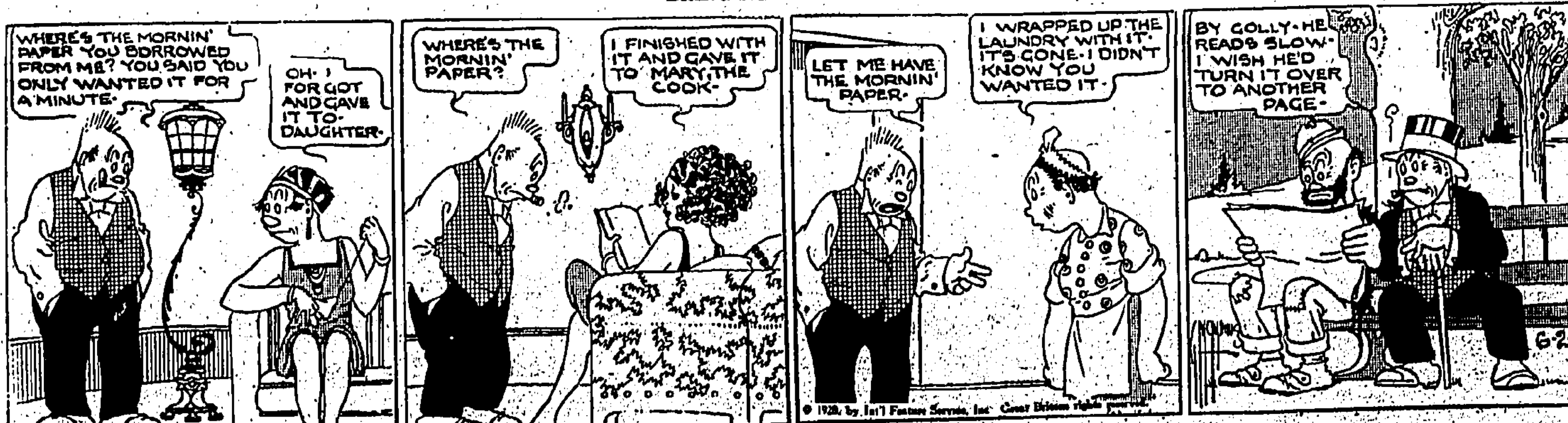
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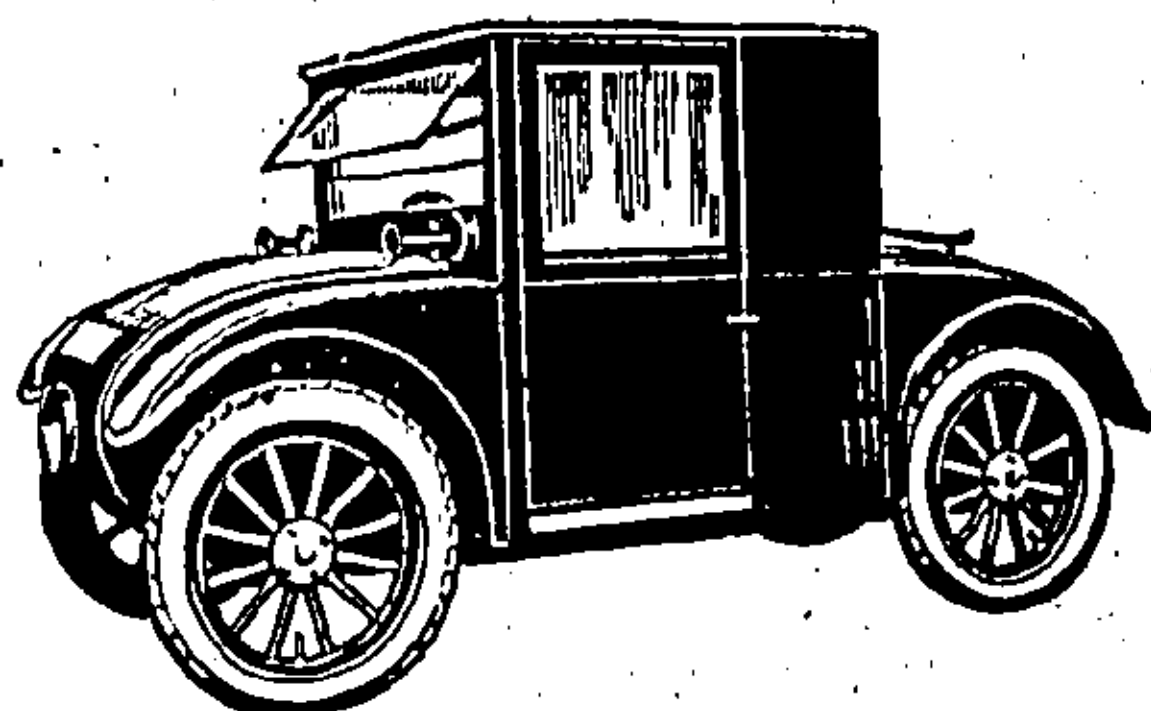
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DANCER AND ARAB.**DISPUTE OVER NIGHTDRESS
AND FROCK.****SINGAPORE CASE.**

Singapore, July 24.

Mr. Syed Mohamed Alsagoff, the well-known Arab merchant, was the defendant yesterday afternoon in a Civil District Court action in which Mrs. Alexandra Coublistak (trading as Madame Galardi), a Singapore milliner, sued for \$238, the value of a georgette frock, a mauve nightdress and a marocain coat, said to have been supplied at defendant's request to Miss Nellie Farren, a dancer who visited Singapore.

This morning judgment was given for plaintiff.

Madame Galardi, who was represented by Mr. C. P. Burke, told the Civil District Judge (Mr. H. A. Forrer) that on the afternoon of February 9 last defendant and Miss Nellie Farren visited her shop together. She gathered that it was Miss Farren's birthday, that they had come from her birthday party and that defendant wished to buy her some things. He told her she could take what she liked, and Miss Farren selected a white georgette frock and a mauve nightdress. Defendant explained that he was in a hurry to get back to his office before closing time and told witness to send the bill to him.

Miss Farren wanted a few alterations made in the frock and left it until next day, and took away the night dress. The next day she saw the marocain coat and said "Why did you not show me this yesterday?" She asked if she could have it. Witness said she could if Mr. Alsagoff approved. She went to the telephone. Witness heard her ring up defendant and gave her the marocain coat because witness knew from what she heard of the telephone conversation the nature of the answer Miss Farren had received.

REFUSED TO PAY.

Defendant refused to pay the bill. When questioned, he said Miss Farren had not obtained his permission to take the coat. Witness inquired, would he pay for the other articles if she took back the coat. Defendant replied, "I have fallen out with Miss Farren. Get all the things back, and I will pay you for the frock and the nightdress." Witness wrote to Miss Farren, who returned the things to defendant. The latter then wanted witness to take all the things back and accept \$50 as compensation. Witness refused, and court proceedings ensued.

In reply to Mr. M. C. Johannes (appearing for the defendant) witness denied that Miss Farren had gone to the shop to try on some frocks previously ordered, and that there was an attempt to make defendant pay because he was a rich man.

Evidence was also given by a former assistant of Madame Galardi.

Defendant, giving evidence, denied he had ordered the articles. On the afternoon in question he went to the Adelphi Hotel to meet Mr. Hassing and there found a party in progress. Miss Farren was a member of the party. Witness had met her once in Egypt, and she invited him to join them. Witness declined. He was leaving when she asked him for a lift in his car. She wanted to be put down at Madame Galardi's. When she alighted, she insisted that witness should go in with her. She said she would not be more than five minutes. She was longer, and witness went away, leaving her there.

Mr. Burke: There is nothing startling, you know, in presenting a dancer with a mauve silk nightdress and a frock.

Witness: But I did not do it.

"SOMETHING I HAD NOT GIVEN." The cause of the present repudiation, it is suggested, is a quarrel you had with Miss Farren?—The quarrel was over this, that she wanted me to pay for something I did not give her. Madame Galardi showed me a letter from Miss Farren begging me to pay, because Madame Galardi was in need of money, so I was willing to square it up with compensation out of pity for Madame Galardi.

In what terms was that letter couched?—In begging terms. It was a very nice letter.

Was it something like this? Inquired counsel, and read the following letter:—"My dear Billy,—So sorry didn't see you to say goodbye. Also to hear that you are not well. I do hope you are O.K. now. Madame Galardi told me that she sent you the bill for \$238 but you had returned it saying you did not know anything about it. Please will you be so good and pay her, as she tells me that she needs the money badly. Hope to see you soon. I think we will come back after Penang. Many kisses, Nellie." Was the letter in those terms? Witness: Something like that.

Examining the letter, witness declared it was the same one he had received from Miss Farren through Madame Galardi. He could not imagine how it had got back into Madame Galardi's possession. That was something that needed to be explained.

Counsel: Yes, rather mysterious. A matter that very much more requires an explanation is how this lady, whom you met only once in Egypt and then casually in Singapore, should write you that letter.

FROM A RICH MAN.

Witness: She probably wrote in those terms so as to induce me to pay. I have known that to happen, for ladies to be particularly nice, without any other reason, merely to get something from a rich man.

Counsel: I see. That would be why she sent you those kisses?—I think so. There is no other reason.

Are ladies you are not friendly with in the habit of writing you in those endearing terms?—This is the first I have received.

Are they also in the habit of taking it for granted that you are going to pay for things you have not ordered for them?—No. But this one did. She wrote me another letter.

Another letter? In what terms was that?—In begging terms.

You said the name of the first letter, you will remember. The word "begging" seems to mean a lot to you? Was that second letter in similar terms to the first?—Somewhat similar.

I see. Friendly and affectionate. Now do you seriously suggest that Miss Farren would have written you a letter of the kind we have before us if what you say is correct, that your acquaintance with her was of the slightest and you made her no present?—That is the truth.

Is it not more in keeping with the position that you were very friendly and that she was pleased with you for the nice nightdress, and frock you had given her?—You may draw what inference you please. That does not alter facts.

OUT OF PITY.

Now will you tell me why you offered Madame Galardi \$50? Surely not uninterestedly and only out of pity?—That is so. She cried and I pitied her.

And yet you had only met her once, quite casually, at a fancy dress ball?—Not once but twice, and on the other occasion I lent her \$10 on the Race Course which she has not returned.

Did you lend her the \$10 out of pity?—Yes. It is difficult to refuse a lady.

It is very difficult, I agree. Very difficult indeed to refuse a lady such a little thing as a nightdress and a mauve frock?—If she asks for it, yes, but Miss Farren never asked me.

Does it not occur to you as a very curious thing that Miss Farren should have returned the things to you?—I cannot explain her actions.

Now will you tell me why Madame Galardi sent that telegram: "A refuses to pay. Please send things back." Why should she have used those words if she did not believe that you were going to pay when she gave the things?—I cannot explain her action. They tried to make me pay because I am a rich man.

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF.

This morning judgment was delivered for plaintiff.

Mr. Johannes applied for a stay of execution for 14 days.

Mr. Burke: On what grounds? Mr. Johannes: On the usual grounds. I have to see my client. We will deposit the amount of judgment.

Mr. Burke: If the deposit is made, we have no objection to a stay of execution for 14 days.

Stay of execution was granted.

A nine-year-old schoolboy, William B. Taylor, was killed by the collapse of part of the playground wall at the Council School, Halton, Leeds.

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The story is of exceptional dramatic force and concerns "Sadie's" experiences with a reformer at Pago Pago in the South Seas. The reformer, blindly devoted to what he considers his duty, drives the girl to the brink of greater suffering than she has ever faced, yet believes he is saving her soul. Her eventual salvation is effected not through the influence of the missionary, but through the love and simple faith of a marine who is also stationed on the island.

One of the most dramatic scenes of the picture hinges upon the reformer's decision that Sadie must leave the island. He denounces her and is thrown bodily from her room by the marine. Then begins a conflict between the outcast and the reformer, which, following closely the original story, moves from one unexpected climax to another and so to the sensational ending.

Gloria Swanson as the colourful "Sadie" has the most dramatic role yet attempted by the star. Raoul Walsh, the man who made "What Price Glory," directed the picture and also appears as the marine. Others in the cast include Lionel Barrymore as the reformer, Charles Lane and Blanche Frederici. Owing to its unusual length, "Sadie Thompson" will be screened at the special times of 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30. Advance booking is now open at the Queen's Theatre.

MSS. ADVENTURES.**HOW GULLIVER SET OUT ON
HIS TRAVELS.**

Literary history furnishes numerous instances of the misadventures which have befallen MSS. ere they have ultimately found a publisher; indeed, an interesting chapter must be added to a new series of "Curiosities of Literature" on this subject. Thackeray himself has told how his "Vanity Fair" was hawked about from publisher to publisher, and of its failure everywhere until Messrs. Bradbury and Evans issued it in monthly numbers, and ended its wanderings for a long period. Charlotte Brontë's "The Professor" underwent a similar experience, as did Carlyle's "Sartor Resartus."

Secretive Authors.

On the other hand, many authors have adopted strange and secretive methods in bringing their writings before the public, and none more so than Swift, who was a master in this respect. His "Tale of a Tub," for instance, was introduced to the world with such cunning secrecy that the manuscript was actually thrown from a passing coach into the doorway of the bookseller who afterwards published it. "Gulliver's Travels" was given to the public with similar secrecy.

From one of Swift's letters to Pope, as well as from another epistle to Dr. T. Sheridan, it appears that during the time occupied in finishing, revising and transcribing his manuscript before publishing it, Tickell, then Secretary of State, expressed a strong desire to see the work concerning which there was so much secrecy. But the Dean frankly replied that it would be quite impossible for Mr. Tickell to find his "treasury of waste-papers without searching through nine different Houses," inasmuch as he had his MSS. conveyed from place to place through nine or ten different hands; and even then it would be necessary to send to him for a key to the work, else he would be unable to understand a word of it. In the end "Gulliver" came forth from his hiding place or places through the medium of Mr. Charles Ford, who offered to carry the MS. to Mr. Motte, the bookseller.

Rich Finds.

A little over twenty years ago a firm of London publishers received the manuscript of an historical novel, without a title and without an author's name. It was published under the title of "The MS. in a Red Box," so called from the fact that it had been forwarded in a box of that colour, and it proved very successful; but who the author was, was never made public.

Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe" was only taken up by Taylor—who purchased the manuscript, and netted one thousand pounds by the publication—after every bookseller in town had refused it. In a similar manner, one bookseller refused to give twenty-five pounds for the MS. of "Tom Jones," while another who bought it cleared no less than eighteen thousand pounds for the venture, during his lifetime.

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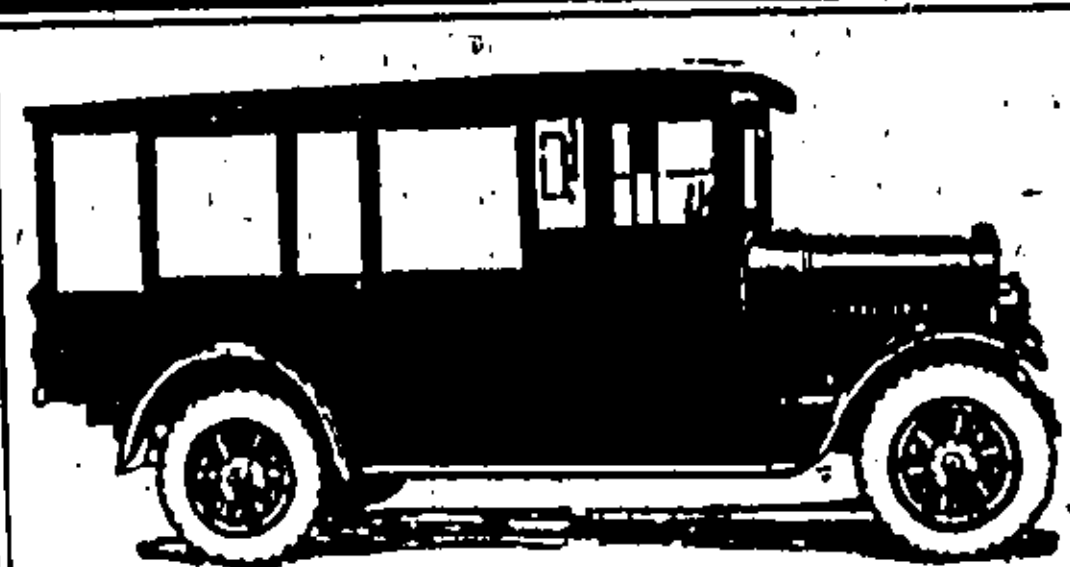
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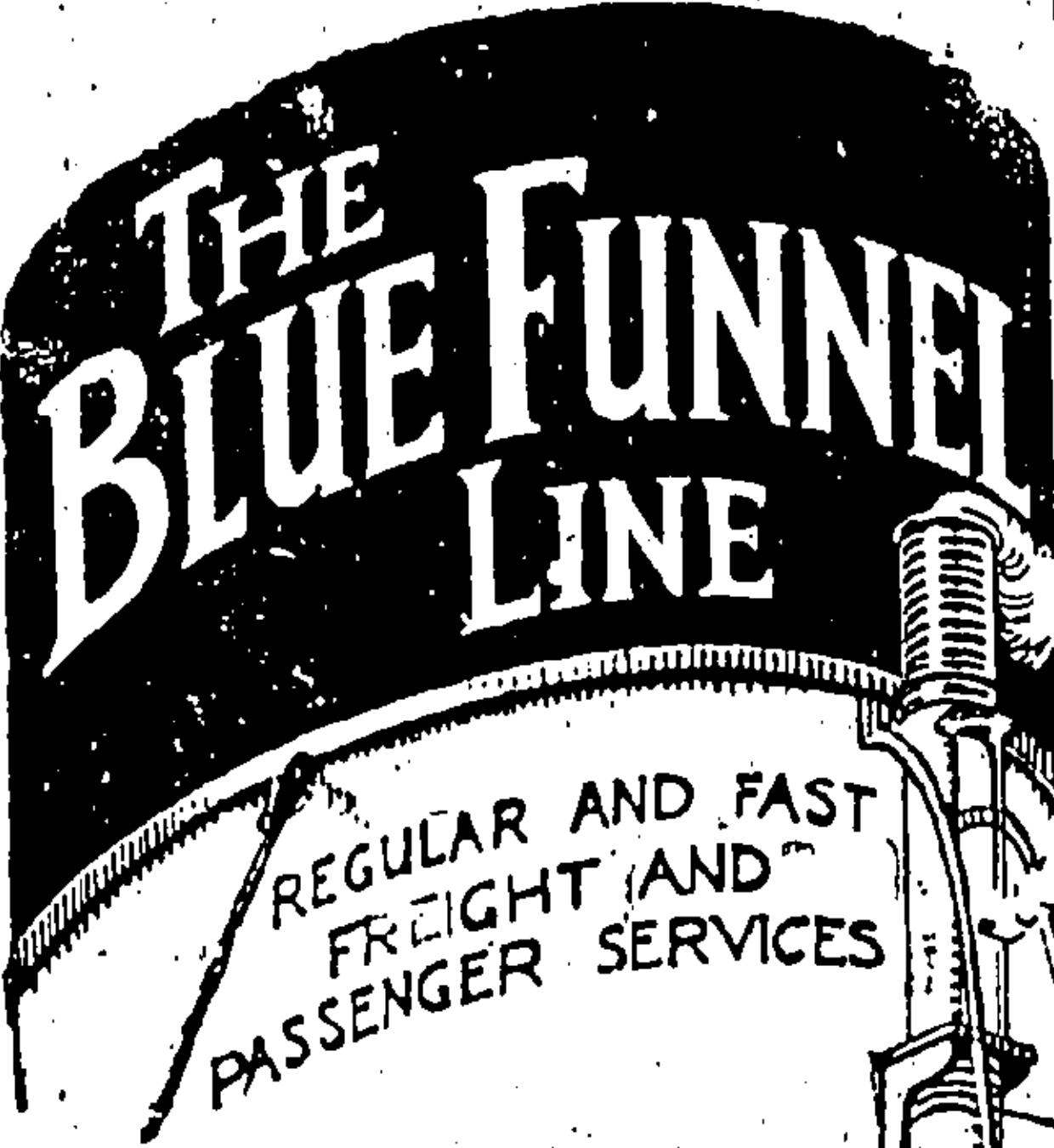
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MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

London, Yesterday.
The death is announced of the Rt. Hon. Amer-Ali.—Reuter.
[The Rt. Hon. Amer-Ali, C.I.E.; Hon. LL.D. Cambridge; D.L. (Calcutta Univ.); D.Lit. (Aligarh Univ.); Member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, was born in 1849, the fourth son of the late (Syed) Saadut Ali of Mohan, Oudh. He was educated at the Hooghly College; called to Bar, Inner Temple, 1873; Lecturer on Mohammedan Law at the Presidency College, 1873-78; President of the Committee of Management of the Mohsin Endowment, Bengal, 1876-1904; Member of the Commission to enquire into the affairs of the ex-King of Oude, 1879; Magistrate and Chief Magistrate of Calcutta, 1878-81; Member of the Bengal Legislative Council, 1878-83; Tagore Law Professor, 1884; President of the Faculty of Law, Calcutta University, 1891-92; Member of the Imperial Legislative Council of India, 1893-96; a Judge of His Majesty's High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal, 1890-1904. Decorated for services in the Imperial Legislative Council of India. Publications: Critical Examination of the Life and Teachings of Mohammed; Spirit of Islam; Ethics of Islam; A Short History of the Saracens; Personal Law of the Mohammedans; Mahomedan Law, in 2 vols.; Student's Handbook of Mohammedan Law; joint author of The Law of Evidence Applicable to British India; of a Commentary on the Bengal Tenancy Act; The Code of Civil Procedure, etc. Amer-Ali mostly resided in London at Cadogan Place and was a member of the Reform Club.]

POLISH FLIGHT.

FLAGS TO MARK PROGRESS ACROSS ATLANTIC.

NO WIRELESS.

Paris, Yesterday.
The Polish airmen, Major Idzikowski and Major Kubala, has started on a flight to New York. They will probably proceed via Rochefort and the Azores. They are equipped with two small collapsible rubber boats. They are not equipped with wireless, but they carry a rocket pistol.
They are taking with them a bundle of small Polish flags which will be dropped out at intervals, so that their progress may be followed.—Reuter.

PROSTRATION.

"QUEEN'S" PRIVATE COLLAPSES ON A MARCH.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY.

Private Ernest Charles Rogers, of the 1st Batt. Queen's Royal Regiment, died yesterday morning, following a collapse whilst on a march on Wednesday.
The deceased, who was twenty-two years of age, collapsed while engaged in drill and never regained consciousness.
The funeral took place yesterday. The coffin was draped with a Union Jack while the regimental band and the usual firing party were in attendance at the Protestant Cemetery, where the remains were buried.
Private Carrel was the chief mourner and the Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. Ponsonby, D.S.O., was also present.

London, Yesterday.—Sir William Tyrrell, the new British Ambassador to France, was received at Rambouillet to-day by President Doumergue, to whom he presented his letters of credit.—British Wireless Service.

The book-keeper was peevish. "What's wrong?" asked the boss. "Why," he said, "that pretty typist you insisted on engaging spells atrociously." "Is that so? She must be good. I couldn't spell it!"

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOYS' CANADIAN TOUR.

SELECTED PARTY.

GOING TO CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND.

H.R.H. INTERESTED.

London, Yesterday.
Starting on a tour of Canada and Newfoundland 34 boys from different schools, who have been selected by the Public School Empire Tour Committee, assembled at Euston Station this morning. They were addressed by Mr. L. S. Amery, Dominions' Secretary, and a letter from the Prince of Wales was read wishing the party a thoroughly enjoyable visit.

The Prince wrote: "What you will see in Canada and the friends you will make there will, I hope, form a bond which will last a life-time. Every individual bond of that kind is of immense value in strengthening the universal bond which holds the whole British Empire together and the earlier in life that we contract such bonds the better it will be for the destiny of our race."

The Prince invited the school boys to visit his ranch in Canada.—British Wireless Service.

FLAMING LETTER.

WHAT SAKLATVALA SENT TO THE PREMIER.

INDIA'S PROBLEM.

London, Yesterday.
The Indian debate in the Commons was protracted till the early morning, and provided an unusual feature in a duel between Labour members and a Communist with the Government warmly applauding the former. The Labour member, Mr. Johnson, diagnosed the trouble in India as not political but economic. Mr. Saklatvala read a flaming letter he had written to Mr. Baldwin declaring that the Government of India was tantamount to absolute monarchy. India's first and last problem was the overthrow of British rule.

Mr. Purcell (Labour), however, declared that India was not so much suffering from Imperialism as from a stomach trouble. India wanted food which it would not get by the mere transference from white to native government. Mr. Purcell suggested that the Government's best policy was to organise the people into trade unions.

Lord Winterton in his reply showed, by enumerating economic, hygienic and social measures, that more had been done to improve methods of cultivation and the economic position of the cultivator in the past twenty-five years than in any previous five hundred. He endorsed Mr. Purcell's reply.
Mr. Saklatvala agreed that trade unionism should be put on a better basis, but the conditions were largely in the hands of the Indians themselves.—Reuter.

THE "WHITE PIGEON."

THE OLD TRICK AGAIN IN OPERATION.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Two women (sisters) and a man were charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, with "flying the white pigeon," a well-known method of fraud in the Colony.
The second defendant, the elder of the two sisters, was represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo. According to the prosecution, the complainant, living at Pak Tin, was married to the first defendant through the introduction of a friend. The complainant agreed to pay \$90 for her. A deposit of \$30 was paid to the second defendant, who received the balance of the money after the marriage.
One month later, the wife disappeared and a report was made to the police. It was subsequently found that she was staying with the third defendant.
The case was adjourned.

An ancient water mill on the River Gipping at Great Blakenham, Suffolk, has been burned down.
The Newry Urban Council have decided to construct a new bridge at a cost of \$5,947.

WHOLESALE MURDER CHARGE.

INDIAN PAPER.

SEQUEL TO THE BELUR RAILWAY DISASTER.

"HIT HIM!"

The brief cable published during the week stating that official proceedings were being taken against the Calcutta newspaper, "Forward," in connection with its criticisms of a railway disaster is supplemented by the following message from the "Associated Press."

In an editorial on the Belur railway disaster, the "Statesman" says:—
"Hard upon the tragedy, at Belur comes a new and ghastly horror. For three days the Indian Press contained suggestions that the accident was the fault of the railways authorities and that although the Punjab Mail passed safely over the line two hours earlier, the permanent way was in such a deplorable condition that the engine could suddenly dash violently from the line and turn a somersault."

Continuing, the paper says:—
"Yesterday morning there was a new and terrible horror."

"Forward" published two letters, such as we imagine never before appeared in the Press of Calcutta. The first is signed 'A Real Horrified Spectator,' who declared that along with much else, 'the wounded were being searched and killed, mind you, killed, not saved. Where a cry arose a Sahib (European) came with a light, and somebody delivered a heavy blow, and an Indian spoke no more. All the wounded and dying were heaped into a waggon.'

"Be Quick! Hit Him!"
"He says that he 'could hear the heavy thuds of blows being delivered and the cries were diminishing.' At quick intervals I could hear the voice of a European saying: 'Jaldikaro maro osko' (Be quick! hit him!)
"The anonymous writer offers to prove that more than 300 are dead, and half of them could have been saved 'if the relief train had not arrived and killed the dying with iron rods, etc.'"

Concluding, the "Statesman" says that this form of publication of a charge of wholesale murder is surely beyond precedent.
"At any rate the matter must be investigated forthwith," says the paper. "It is far too serious to be treated with silent contempt!"

2 R.A. MEN'S RIDE.

ASSAULT OF INDIAN DRIVER ALLEGED.

ONE GUNNER ADMITS.

Gunner J. Brian and Gunner J. Timmone, both of the Royal Artillery stationed at Lyeemun Barracks, Hong Kong, appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy on a charge of assaulting the Indian driver of public motor-car No. 450 at 12.10 this morning in Main-street, Shaukwan.

Brian pleaded not guilty and Timmone pleaded guilty. The latter said that they hired the car in Causeway Bay. At Shaukwan, he gave \$5 to the driver. It then appeared that there was some misunderstanding between the parties and defendant is alleged to have struck the driver.
The Indian driver said in evidence that he drove the soldiers from Causeway Bay to about 50 yards from the end of the tram terminus at Shaukwan. He was given \$5 for which change was asked.

In answer to the Magistrate he said he had over \$100 on his person and could therefore have given change.

After further evidence, the case was remanded until Monday at 11 a.m., the defendants being placed in military custody.

Club Wag. (to military officer in full dress uniform): "Well, good-night, admiral!"
Officer: "What's the joke? 'Admiral! Can't you see my spurs?'"
Wag: "Oh, I thought they were your twin screws."

Panelling discovered by workmen who were making extensions to a London West-end restaurant is believed to be of the Stuart period.

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